

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2006

Members Present

Buddy Lea, Chair
Karen Hale, Vice-Chair
Joe Swinford, Past Chair
George Zukotynski
Kendra Gipson
Jeanne Stevens
Ron Maupin
Larry Richardson
Marva Bradford
Lynn Goodman, Ex Officio

Members Absent

Tracy Stinson
Martha Staley
Renee Jackson
Trent Ridley

Call to Order

The May Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

SubCommittee Status Reports

- TGEI/TGMI Fall Conference

It was reported that the last meeting of the conference planning committee had been cancelled. The conference planning committee will be establishing a theme very soon. They will also be finalizing the location so that a final date for the Fall Conference can be determined.

- TGEI Newsletter

Karen Hale will work on the spring newsletter. Larry Richardson will contribute a short write-up on the recent Brown Bag session with Comptroller John Morgan.

- Brown Bag Meetings

Last month's Brown Bag Lunch was reported to be a success. Of the 60 people who RSVP'd for the lunch, 40 people attended. The committee agreed to send a thank you note and gift to Comptroller John Morgan, the speaker at last month's Brown Bag session.

The next Brown Bag Lunch session is scheduled for September 12. A topic needs to be identified for this session. Chairman Buddy Lea asked each committee member to look over their March and April notes, when ideas were originally brainstormed, and come to the June 23 meeting with suggestions.

Possible locations for the Sept. 12 session include THDA or the Dept. of Personnel training room, which seats a large group.

- 2006 TGEI Holiday Breakfast

Chairman Buddy Lea will make a call to Mr. Naifeh to confirm his participation in this year's Holiday Breakfast. Kendra Gipson will also check to make sure the room is reserved at Ellington Agricultural Center.

- Department of Personnel

Lynn Goodman reported that Dr. Michael McIntyre at the University of Tennessee is now directing the TGEI and TGMI programs.

She also reported that 40 applications were received for the TGEI Class of 2006. She said that although the number of applications had declined from the previous years, she believes that is an indication that state agencies now recognize they should cull their candidates carefully before submitting them to DOP.

The Class of 2006 will be selected by June 15. Orientation for that class will be held July 14 at the BellSouth Building. TGEI alumni, particularly the Class of 2005, are encouraged to attend the orientation. The TGEI Steering Committee is also encouraged to attend a day of the Class of 2006's session in Knoxville, if their schedules permit.

Lynn also reminded the steering committee about the upcoming session featuring Dr. Barry Bales, titled "Leading Organizational Change." Some of the leaders of the state's Edison Project will also be at the session. Steering committee members are encouraged to call their TGEI classmates and remind them of the session. Registration is free.

New Business

- TGEI/TGMI Golf Tournament

Joe Swinford and Ron Maupin reported on their research of golf courses, costs, and possible dates for the second annual TGEI/TGMI Golf Outing.

Last year's outing was attended by 16 people. This year is expected to draw about twice that number because this year the invitations will include TGMI as well as TGEI alumni.

After discussion, the steering committee agreed to pursue Thursday, Aug. 24 at Harpeth Hills Golf Course for the event. Joe Swinford and Ron Maupin will report at the June 23 meeting if that date cannot be reserved.

Expected cost will be \$30 to \$35 per participant. Drinks will need to be purchased at the course, or the organization will need to pay a \$3 per person catering fee.

Lynn Goodman suggested that a cookout might be held at the golf course to encourage attendance by other TGEI and TGMI alumni who may not play golf. Joe and Ron will check with the golf course to see whether a grilling area is available or equipment can be brought to the course.

NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting was set for June 23 at the WRS Tennessee Tower, Davidson Room.