

**TGMI Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 10th, 2007**

Members Present: Melvin Jones, Jr. (by phone), Jon Zirkle, Mike Travis, E. Ross White, Tracy White, Lauren Hill (by phone), Rusty Lacy, and Greg Duncan

Members Absent: Lisa Pugh, Cindy Saladin

Mr. Duncan called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

Treasurers Report:

No activity.

Community Service:

Mr. Zirkle reported no new activity.

Marketing Effort:

Mr. Duncan reported Mr. Todd Mazaros will be at orientation and intends to follow second calls through their experience. This scheduling helps with his availability too. Greg will inform Cindy and setup meeting to discuss and schedule time with Commissioner Story to keep her informed. Would like to include input from the steering committee and possibly interviews with alumni.

Newsletter update:

New class reporter not filled yet for 2000 class. Will focus on summer class then newsletter in Sept.

New Business:

Personnel Report:

Ms. Saladin was not present, so Mr. Duncan filled in. Class first week went well. Skeptic conversion is still alive and well in the TGMI process. The helicopter ride is on for the second week in Paris Landing. It will be the first week for the second class in Knoxville during the last week of August. August 2 is possible steering committee visit for the first class' second week.

The overnight stay and committee meeting is postponed to the second class in September. Melvin will call TGEI's Karen Hale and check on Endowment golf tournament.

Bylaws discussion:

Mr. Travis made a motion to discuss the effect of the bylaws on the size of the steering committee. Ms. White seconded.

The original bylaws had seven voting members with one member at large. Two years ago added one member at large for every 150 alumni added. The past chair can now vote, so you have nine voting members. Two members from the current classes give four each year, so the committee will have 14 members by 2009. Some of the possible problems discussed could be harder to get a quorum with attendance issues from busy schedules and harder to get agreement on issues with longer discussions and committee meetings making the committee harder to manage.

The purpose for our discussion was to decide how many representatives from each of this year's classes would be chosen. The current bylaws were not written with two classes per year in mind. Each class could have two members on the steering committee as is the case now or each could have one depending on interpretation of the bylaws. Modifying the number of members at large or the number from the summer and fall classes will need a vote from the alumni network. Question was called by Mr. Lacy to end the debate.

Mr. Travis made a motion to add two members from the two classes this year for a total of four and each have voting rights. Mr. Lacy seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Travis will call a meeting of the bylaws sub-committee to discuss possible modifications to the bylaws.

Memorial for David Peak:

Discussion concluded that the alum's class should take the lead in memorials requiring monetary input. The steering committee can promote newsletter articles, website memorials, etc.

Hospitality Committee:

No report.

With no further business, Mr. Lacy made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Hill seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Zirkle,
Member-At-Large