

Georgia Grant Professionals Association
Chapter Meeting
July 25, 2017

In attendance: Heidi Nasset, Catherine Bridgers, Brian Brown, Samantha Weinberg, Ryan Braid, Pat Duboise, Samantha Bishop, Deb Cook, Janice Jacoby, Linda Maddox; Via WebEx: Shelly Wales, Kerri Gober, Caitlin Costello, Janice Gardner, Ruth Dawson, Bianca Howard, Lateefah Thomas

Introductions and Round table:

Deborah Cook was the facilitator for the round table discussion; the topic was grants management. Dr. Cook opened the floor to any topics with in grants management. Dr. Cook briefly discussed the differences between an academic grant and a non-profit grant. The conversation was then moved to financial questions, how one determine what the project is, communication and management, auditors, and stewardship.

Business Meeting:

- A. June meeting minutes were approved and are on the website.
- B. President's Report:**
 - a. Nonprofit Resource Fair: The resource fair will be held on Friday, September 29, 2017. GGPA participated last year and is considering participating again this year.
 - b. GPA National Matters:**
 - i. 19th Annual Conference for Grant Professionals: Early bird registration will end on July 31, 2017. The GPA Conference will be held November 8-11 in San Diego, CA.
 - ii. Georgia Chapter Silent Auction item for Conference: The GPA is collecting items for the silent auction basket, so attendees were encouraged to let the board know if there was something someone would want to donate.
 - iii. GPA Membership Scholarship Application: Members were reminded of various scholarship opportunities available through GPA and encouraged to visit the website for more info.
- C. **Treasurer's Report:** Kerri Gober (Chair), Current account balance is \$19,939.61, which is reflection of funds held by the National Office through May 31, 2017. This includes \$225.00 in Chapter dues, \$1000.00 in Conference Grants, and \$700.00 SRGC Program Sponsorships/Exhibitors.
- D. **Committee Reports:** Samantha Weinberg (Chair) briefly mentioned that the speaker for next month's meeting will be from the Foundation Center and to send her ideas for future speakers.
- E. **Membership Committee:** Pat Duboise(Chair) has been sending emails to new GPA members located in GA that have not become members of the GGPA as a welcome, she has also been sending emails to those members whose memberships are close to renewal time. The Committee has recently received the results of the national member survey and will be reviewing for ideas to benefit the local Chapter.
- F. Communications Committee: Nothing new to report.

- G. **Every Chapter Challenge:** Samantha Bishop (Chair) discussed the upcoming campaign to raise funds for the Every Chapter Challenge. It will begin August 1 and will end just before the GPA National Conference on November 8.
- H. **Southern Regional Grants Conference:** Amanda Day (Chair) was not present so Pat Duboise discussed the recap call from last week. The conference went very well and even turned a profit. Next years' conference will be held again at the Morrow Center in Morrow, GA. Some comments made by attendees were that the round table discussions should be longer and the Keynote speaker should be moved from a Friday afternoon to an earlier day to avoid low attendance.
- I. **Other Business:**
 - a. Bylaws: Samantha Bishop and Deb Cook reviewed the bylaws and there was a question as how to define the GGPA regional scope since we have some members from South Carolina, and Alabama does not have a Chapter. Approval of the bylaws will take place at the next meeting.
- J. Meeting Adjourned
- K. Next Meeting: August 22, 2017