Georgia Grant Professionals Association

Meeting Notes

November 24, 2015

Introductions: Kate Bachman

Presentation: Highlights from the Grant Professionals Association National Conference

* Kimberly Hays de Muga: She shared two of the most useful tips she learned about increasing workplace productivity.
  + Doodle.com:  a free meeting poll that saves emails around setting up meetings with groups inside and outside the workplace.  Particularly if you're working with folks in different time zones and/or with folks who are using different platforms such as Google Calendar and Outlook.
  + <https://cacoo.com/>:   A free website where you can design flow charts, org charts, info graphics, and other documents with ease.
  + Google Scholar: searches and then automatically formats footnotes in a choice of a academic styles.  Excellent for white papers, GPA Journal Articles, and long form grant narratives.
* Danny Blitch:
  + Every Chapter Challenge: Massachusetts raised the most - $1500. There was 58% participation out of the 44 chapters in the US.
  + There were 15 scholarship recipients at the conference.
  + Danny, in collaboration with Pauline Annarino, Kimberly Hays de Muga, and Leslie Mitchell, wrote a book entitled *Prepare for the GPC Exam*. It’s a complete exam-prep guide that covers the history of the exam and eligibility to take it; devotes a chapter to each of the core competencies; explains in detail the writing prompt and how it’s scored; and provides a bonus tenth chapter on strategies to reduce test anxiety. You can pre-order it at <http://bit.ly/gpc-prep-preorder>. GPA members get free shipping and 25% off.
  + Danny led 2 workshops – one on sustainability about keeping a program alive after the grant funding ends; and one on return on investment, the true value of the grant professional. You can find the ROI calculator online at: <http://www.grantprofessionals.org/rc_files/442/Strategy_Papers_Volume_2_Issue_1.pdf>
* Judith Venable: Stated that she liked to see the number of grant writers that had attended the conference.
* Charles Alford: Mentioned that it seemed like there were a lot of younger people at the conference with a lot of enthusiasm. Charles attended several government grant workshops and learned about Management Concepts, a consulting firm that can help go through government grant guidelines.

Chapter Business:

* October Meeting Minutes Approved:
  + Motion – Charles Alford
  + Second – Danny Blitch
* Email [info@ggpa.org](mailto:info@ggpa.org) with any job openings.
* December 15 is GGPA’s holiday lunch at Marlow’s Tavern, 950 W. Peachtree Street, Atlanta. This lunch will replace the December meeting.