



Georgia Grant Professionals Association

Chapter Meeting

August 22, 2017

In attendance: Meghann Adams, Jane Arney, Ryan Arnula, Ryan Braid, Jonathan Coe, Melissa Hodge-Penn, Angela Johnson, Betsy Rhama-Minor, Brielle Shinall; Via WebEx: Samantha Bishop, Catherine Bridgers, Deb Cook, Caitlin Costello, Katrina Hunter, Mary Lyons, Jill Nash Malool, Nancy Smallwood, Freda Stephenson, Shelley Wales, Samantha Weinberg

Guest Speaker:

Asia Hadley from The Foundation Center gave an overview of the new Foundation Center Online and reviewed the resources her organization provides to grant professionals.

Business Meeting:

A. July's meeting minutes were approved and are posted on the GGPA website.

B. President's Report:

The GPA Membership scholarship applications are now being accepted. Prospective members and current members wanting to renew can apply. Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2017. The link to the application is <https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2218&limited=1361> and it can also be found by visiting the Grant Professionals Foundation's website at grantprofessionalfoundation.org.

C. **Treasurer's Report:** Kerri Gober stated the current account balance is \$20,312.27, which is reflection of funds held by the National Office through July 31, 2017. This includes \$75.00 in Chapter dues and \$371.00 in Chapter Programs. She noted that the SRGC 2017 venue expense for the Morrow Center in the amount of \$3,128, is not reflected in this monthly report as the invoice was processed after July 31. The expense will appear on the next report month end August 31.

D. Committee Reports

- a. **Program Committee:** Meghann (stepping in for Samantha Weinberg who is the chair) said that speakers have been secured through October. She mentioned that we can have a remote speaker use WebEx and present to the group for future meetings. That can help the chapter utilize resources outside of the metro Atlanta area. The committee is planning a social outing for early fall. More details will be presented soon, but it will probably be a weeknight happy hour in the metro Atlanta area.
- b. **Membership Committee:** Pat Duboise (Chair) said she is continuing to send emails to new GPA members located in GA who have not become members of the GGPA as a

welcome. She also has also been sending emails to those members whose memberships are close to renewal time.

- c. **Communications Committee:** Meghann reported that the committee members were making some updates to the GGPA website, including updating the SRGC webpage and adding a direct link to the Georgia Community in GrantZone. She is also uploading links to the recorded chapter meetings and past eNEWS editions. Meghann will continue to post meeting reminders with the links to login to Webex in GrantZone, in the eNEWS and via the evites that are sent out to the entire mailing list. The committee is looking into getting pricing for partner and other applicable publications to boost chapter membership and promote the SRGC. The committee will be sending out a Georgia-specific member survey to better understand the membership base's preferences with communication and chapter benefits. The eNEWS feature article spots have been filled through December. If anyone is interested in signing up, December, Feb, March and April 2018 are still available.
- d. **Every Chapter Challenge Committee:** Samantha Bishop (Chair) and Meghann discussed the upcoming campaign to raise funds for the Every Chapter Challenge. Meghann reviewed the prizes for the drawing and reminded everyone that the deadline to get donations is 10/31/2017. The GGPA Chapter has supported the campaign every year since 2008. The group agreed to send out email blasts about the drawing to garner more support.
- e. **Southern Regional Grants Conference (SRGC) Planning Committee:** Amanda Day (Chair) was not present so Meghann provided an update on the 2018 SRGC. She confirmed that GGPA is going back to the Morrow Center in Morrow, GA and that the committee is looking into offering a pre-conference workshop on Wed. April 17. There will be a cost associated with the pre-conference workshop, but those details are not available yet. Gail Widner has expressed interest in being the presenter. The two-day conference will be on Wed./Thurs. this year (April 18-19) to help people avoid the Friday afternoon traffic. The committee is budgeting for more marketing for the next conference to hopefully grow the number of attendees. The committee also wants to offer a few conference scholarships that will cover the cost of registration for GGPA members in good standing. The committee is looking into offering a registration discount for workshop presenters this year, so more details will be announced as they are available. The next committee conference call is Thursday, August 24 at 10 am. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee should let Meghann or Amanda know.

E. **Other Business:** None

F. **Next Meeting:** September 26, 2017

G. Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 am.