

GWTTTRA Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2008

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Chairperson of the Board Kathleen Andereck called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm (EST).

Members Present: Addison Schonland, Eileen Colen, Jeff Hampton, Tiffany Urness, Rick Cain, Ann Dee Johnson, Vinod Sasidharan, Jim Buchanan, Dave Williams, Wendy Kheel, Dogan Gursoy, Linda S. Rolston, Ken Bartkus, Tim Tyrrell.

The minutes from the last board meeting in Boise, Idaho were reviewed. A motion was made for the minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kathy Andereck introduced the Board Members . Katy commented that:

- The Professional Seminar in Boise, Going for the Green, was successful, with excellent speakers
- All members are encouraged to attend Professional Development Seminar
- Two of the presenters from Boise were also presenting at International TTRA in Philadelphia
- GWTTTRA is trying to encourage student involvement
 - Night before Professional Development seminar
 - Workshop/opportunity for students (both graduate and undergraduate) to make presentations
 - Chapter meetings are easier to get to and affordable to students
- Next meeting will be held in March, 2009; specific dates to be picked
 - Theme will be 'voluntourism' with a volunteer tourism trip
 - Part of the meeting might include a Baja/Tijuana trip
 - More information will be made available as early as possible

Linda Rolston had the following comments:

- The motivation for students to go to TTRA includes discounted fee
- Graduate students would like papers to be reviewed/critiqued rather than regular presentation
- Graduate students would like to receive feedback from professionals
- Graduate students would like feedback on style of research and statistics to improve work
- Graduate student would like nice and friendly atmosphere to present papers

Addison Schonland had the following comments:

- Students could circulate papers via email before presenting them

Ken Bartkus had the following comments:

- A Meet the Editor format could work

Kathy Andereck had the following comments:

- Feedback to students could go beyond statistics but could also include applicability in field

Dogan Gursoy had the following comment:

- Form review panels, one group with practitioners and other group with researchers

Dave Williams suggested having introduction of members; members present at the meeting introduced themselves

Kathy Andereck commented that:

- Bobbie Patterson did a wonderful job assisting with the Boise meeting
- Chris Cordova, from New Mexico, mentioned that they are organizing a research and marketing conference in Las Cruces, November 6-7, 2008, and would like to have chapter involvement
- More information about what the involvement of the chapter entails will be provided soon
- Arizona State University has started a new Ph.D program in Community Resources
 - Kathy is serving as Interim Director of the Program and can be reached at 602-496-1056

Dave Williams indicated that:

- John Hope-Johnstone has put together a wonderful website – gwtra.com
 - If members would like to include information on the website, they should contact John

There being no further business, Kathleen Andereck adjourned the meeting at 1:40 PM (EST).

Meeting recorded and submitted by:

Vinod Sasidharan

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