

**TRAVEL & TOURISM RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Annual Symposium Workshop February 19, 2004**

**Phoenix AZ**

**MINUTES**

President John Hope-Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:00 Mountain time.

Board Members Present: Andereck, Hope-Johnstone, Jurowski, Nickerson, Russell, Zozaya, Reilly, Kirch, Ravitz

Board Members Absent: Moisey, Simone, Waterman, Hull, Carlson, Little

Others present: Patty Morgan, Randy Morgan, Karin Valentine, Jim Wilton, Nicole Lambkin, .....

Motion: Approval of the Sept. minutes were postponed until June since not all of the board had seen the minutes.

Treasurers report: Zozaya presented the financial report for calendar '03 which shows \$3,222.79 in the checking account and \$10,000 in a money market for a total of \$13,222.79. Gina will look into the

\$10.00 maintenance fee being assessed the checking account and will open a new account elsewhere if we cannot get that fee removed.

Motion: Russell motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Jurowski. Motion approved.

Membership update: Patty Morgan of TTRA International indicated that we have 99 renewals/new members as of now with 30 who have not renewed. GWTTTRA has had the most consistent members over time compared to all other chapters. We have maintained our membership quite well.

Scholarship Update: After discussion, it was decided that the previously established committee of Nickerson, Russell, Andereck and Cain are responsible for developing the scholarship application form and will have it available to Hope-Johnstone by the end of March for posting by April 1 on the GWTTTRA webpage. Hope-Johnstone will announce the scholarship to members of the \$500 award for TTRA in Montreal. The scholarship committee will be responsible for selection. Nickerson is chair.

Report from TTRA International: Patty Morgan reported that the Association is healthy; now has a searchable data base for papers and is looking for more papers to include in the database; is looking for a student to keep up the web page; the web page has a job posting site; RFP's posted on the web page is new; Mary Hall is the TTRA chapter representative from the office; 2006 conference is in Dublin.

Board Nominating committee: Nickerson, as past president, is chair of the nominating committee. Jurowski and Hope-Johnstone are the other two members. Since Celeste Beccia resigned from the board this past fall and held the post as secretary, there is currently no one in that position to be on the executive committee. The committee is charged with presenting a ballot to the membership by mid May.

Discussion: Board members discussed the proposal brought forth by Randy and Patty Morgan of sponsoring an international conference in conjunction with GWTTTRA for the purpose of getting those TTRA members who cannot travel to the 2006 conference in Ireland to a TTRA conference. After much discussion, the board decided against the proposal for the following reasons:

The time involved for the GWTTTRA board was more than we wanted to undertake;

The board did not feel it was necessarily a good idea for TTRA to offer two conferences aimed at the same folks and felt it could easily cannibalize the Ireland conference;

The following spring is when the western states will house the TTRA conference and two conferences in the west within one year did not seem acceptable.

Discussion: The 2005 GWTTTRA conference/symposium is tentatively set up to be a joint meeting with the Hawaii chapter. Russell is working on the specifics with Chris Kam of the Hawaii chapter and will bring the details to the June meeting in Montreal.

Discussion: John Hope-Johnstone explained that the Ushgorod concept is no longer an endeavor that the GWTTTRA chapter could be involved in. While the concept was intriguing for our chapter, this particular destination was not possible. He did suggest that if the chapter wanted to get involved in tourism development that we concentrate on some areas closer to the western states.

The next board meeting of GWTTTRA will coincide with the June TTRA conference in Montreal.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm. The opening reception followed at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Nickerson

Past President, minute recorder for meeting