



## **CEC Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019**

President Marella Houghton called the September 18, 2019, Baton Rouge Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. A quorum was present to conduct business. The following CEC members were present: Vita Archie, Centelia Battiste, Bettina Camper, Tiffani Dorsa, Priscilla Hall, Marella Houghton, Sarah Wade, Carissa Wesley, Carolyn White and Lesha Woods. Rebecca Tucker (Events Coordinator) and Nicholas Mitchell (regular member) were also in attendance.

President Marella Houghton requested that the CEC members review the August 2019 minutes and the August 2019 financial report.

### **Secretary's Report – Vita Archie**

A motion to accept the August 2019 minutes was made by Tiffani Dorsa and seconded by Vita Archie. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Case**

The \$30 check still has not cleared the bank since May 2019. It was suggested that the financial report be tabled and discussed at the next meeting. **Recommendation:** The bank statements should be attached to the monthly reconciliations.

### **President's Report – Marella Houghton**

The chapter is good on points. President Houghton discussed the request made by Bob Braun, Professor at Southeastern University concerning the chapter's endowment scholarship requirements. The board decided to leave all requirements the same with the scholarship, except change Accounting to Business major and reduce the required Accounting hours from 12 to 6. A motion to make the changes about the required major and accounting hours with the endowment scholarship was made by Lesha Woods and seconded by Priscilla Hall. Motion passed.

### **President-Elect – Tiffani Dorsa**

Tiffani Dorsa opened the floor to Rebecca Tucker to discuss the chapter's fall conference.



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### **Immediate Past President – Lesha Woods**

Lesha Woods will work on the History Report that is due on September 30, 2019.

### **National Council of Chapters (NCC) Representative – Carolyn White**

None

### **Work Area Reports**

a. **Chapter Recognition Chair – Susan Broadway**

None

b. **Accountability Chair - Carissa Wesley**

Carissa Wesley is working on the CCR that is due on September 30, 2019. She will be sending out an email requesting suggestions for the report.

c. **Awards/Student Relations Chair – Sarah Wade**

Sarah Wade will check the national website to see what is available relating to awards. She made a packet to be given to students that contains links to AGA, BR chapter's social media sites, names of the board members along with their positions and a listing of the types of membership available in AGA. She stated that student night is Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 5:30. Centelia Battiste stated that she would do a follow-up with Nicholls State about a potential student night as well as check with other universities such as University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL), Southern University (SU) and Louisiana State University (LSU).

d. **CGFM Chair – Jovan Haynes**

None

e. **Community Service Chair – Bettina Camper**

Bettina Camper has the following activities planned for the chapter:

- Making Strides of BR Cancer Walk – AZ Young building – October 19, 2019 @ 8:00 am
- Kendra Scott – tentatively November 7, 2019 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm



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- Toys for Tots and Food Bank – Collected at the chapter's December Fall Conference
  - Nursing Home visit – Pass out toiletry bags. Bettina will contact nursing home for possible dates.
- f. **Meetings Chair/Program Chair – Travonda Brown**  
None
- g. **Membership Directors – Priscilla Hall**  
The chapter has 105 members. One of the new members, Nicholas Mitchell, was present at the meeting.
- h. **Newsletter Chair – Kim Stewart**  
It was suggested that the community service events be included in the newsletters.
- i. **Scholarship Chair – Centelia Battiste**  
Centelia Battiste is still pushing for a grant for AGA from DOW. She is requesting a total of \$1,650 and would like to distribute \$350 for items for nursing home, \$800 for donation to Park Elementary for school supplies, etc. and \$500 for feeding the homeless. As part of the grant award, DOW requires that 25 volunteers get involved with the service projects. Centelia would like to divide the 25 volunteers into 8 volunteers for two of the events and 9 volunteers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> event.
- j. **Sponsorship Chair**  
Rebecca Tucker is working on preparing the sponsorship packets. Lesha Woods suggested that she get a packet to Marseyas Fernandez with Oracle.
- k. **Website/Awards Chair – Tiffani Dorsa**  
Website needs to be updated by September 30, 2019 in order to receive the chapter recognition points. Rebecca Tucker will be working on updating the social media pages for the chapter.
- l. **Events Coordinator**  
The chapter's fall conference is scheduled for December 2 – 3, 2019. It was moved up because of conflict with the hotel. Because of the conflict, the hotel is providing free afternoon snacks and lemonade. Speakers are as follows:
- Ernest Almonte, AGA National President – confirmed
  - Charles Wendt – Sampling and Risk Assessment
  - Patrick Goldsmith – Legislative Updates



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- Jeff Aucoin – Fraud and Forensics
- Billy Morehead – Governmental Accounting and Academia

It was suggested that Rebecca reach out to Bridget Kaigler for a presentation. More potential speakers that are on the national level are Scott Gaines and Charles Hester – Cost Allocation. It was also suggested to get a speaker on an audit topic. The members discussed having a Christmas Social on Monday, December 2, 2019, following the conference at Tio Javi's Fresh Mex Bar & Grill. Tiffani Dorsa volunteered to cover drinks within a reasonable amount.

The next meeting will be on October 23, 2019 @ 5:30pm, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Room E.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tiffani Dorsa and seconded by Lesha Woods.  
**Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 pm.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes were taken by Vita Archie, Secretary

### **MOTIONS/ACTION ITEMS:**

**MOTION:** Tiffani Dorsa moved to accept the August 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Vita Archie. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** Lesha Woods moved to make the changes about the required major and accounting hours with the endowment scholarship. Motion was seconded by Priscilla Hall. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** Tiffani Dorsa moved to adjourn the September 18, 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Lesha Woods. Motion passed.