

Association of Government Accountants – Olympia Chapter

Board Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Stefanie Niemela
Maryam Jacobs
Denise Nguyen
Kari Summerour

Mike Paquette
Bret Brodersen
Heidi Algieri

Absent:

Laura Saunders

President's Report (Stefanie Niemela):

- The minutes for the board's February meeting were approved.
- Stefanie asked the board if anyone is interested in attending the Nationals LEAN meeting in Maryland. No one volunteered or is able to attend.
- Stefanie postponed review of Chapter by-laws until later this year when those in attendance have a little more time. She also asked about Laura and the status of the ACE report. Laura is no longer working for the state, but no one has heard if she will continue on the board. Maryam said she would contact her to see what her status is.

Treasurer's Report (Denise Nguyen):

- The Chapter had no financial activity in March 2022. Currently the Chapter needs to repay Stefanie for the cost of additional seats in the last webinar and Denise is making the necessary arrangements to reimburse her.
- The board also approved reimbursing Maryam, Kari, and Mike for their annual membership fees, since their fees were not paid by their employer. Denise asked everyone to send her their receipts for membership, so she can process the reimbursements.

On-Line Education (Heidi Algieri):

- The CARES webinar is tomorrow. The board purchased 60 seats and 5 remain open. Stefanie has one person on the waiting list and will send that person the participation code, but after that, 4 spots will still remain open. Denise will monitor the Chapter's emails tomorrow for the session.
- For March's webinar, all 30 seats were taken, and 7 individuals were on the waitlist. Four (4) participants did not cancel or show up for the session.
- Next Month's webinar is Fraud & Data Analytics on 5/11/22.

Live Programs (All):

No Update.

Membership Report (Bret Brodersen):

- The board currently has 2 new members and 17 individuals from last year that have not renewed their membership. Bret reported that many of these are newer members and individuals who have retired.

Scholarship and Early Education Chair (Kari Summerour)

- Kari hasn't had the chance to connect with anyone in higher education and has no updates.

Chapter Recognition (Laura Saunders):

- No update.

Web Master (Mike Paquette):

- Mike will put the picture of the Centralia scholarship recipient on the website as soon as Bret lets him know that the student has given permission for the picture to be posted.

Secretary Report (Maryam Jacobs):

No update

Community Service (All):

- Denise reported that the annual YMCA Fun Run is scheduled for the first part of May, which doesn't give the chapter enough time to participate and volunteer. She suggested looking up other opportunities for providing community service.

Other Business:

- The chapter mail was collected and only contained annual interest statements, Centralia Foundation information and junk mail.
- Stefanie has a long-time member who is certified as a CGFM trainer. The board discussed the possibility of holding a training with her if the cost would be reasonable (prior attempts to bring training have been very cost prohibitive). Since the potential trainer is retired, Stefanie will first contract Nationals to gather information on the trainer and the possibility of having a live session.
- Maryam agreed to send out placeholders for next year's meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 12: 49 p.m.

Next meeting location and date:

May 17, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual