

GCCA Council Meeting * 1-28-16 * Butler Room * GCCA Conference

Present: Terri Ducker, Andre Griggs, Haley Reed, Thommi Odom, Jon Kerr, Sylvia Shortt, Brittany Bing, Perdita Howard, K.C. Hewitt, Amy Laughter, Ruth Hagemann, Shubha Chatterjee, Angela Wheelus, Warren Windsor, Cheri Mattox-Carroll

Terri Ducker called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. She asked all in attendance to name one thing each would like to see happen in GCCA during the next year.

K.C. Hewitt, newly elected student representative, said she looked forward to seeing all of the members again.

Cheri Mattox-Carroll asked all who serve on the council to respond to all requests made on the listser and exemplify the "all in" mind set in the coming year.

Amy Laughter, Augusta Technical College, hoped that more technical college would get involved with GCCA in the coming year.

Ruth Hagemann, Macon representative from Middle Georgia, encouraged GCCA council to continue to work toward non-profit status.

Angela Wheelus, president elect, Georgia Highlands. Intends to be a developer of people, building strength and profession.

Shubha Chatterjee, Albany/South Georgia rep, Abraham Baldwin. Looked forward to more attendees to the conference and a bigger push for more members. She encouraged all to get at least one new member.

Andre Griggs, past president, Atlanta rep, listserv administrator, Kennesaw State University. Each representative reclaim at least five members from the region.

Warren Windsor, Rome/Carrollton rep, West Georgia. Learn how the organization works and have the organization more accessible to more of us.

Perdita Howard, fundraising, Middle Georgia. More vendors. Will start earlier to get the word out. There is always the possibility for more vendors.

Brittany Bing, treasurer. Augusta. More graduates, professionals, and friends who could benefit from GCCA. Support first timers.

Sylvia Shortt, Athens Regional Rep. Indicated she would go through her archives and find the EIN non-profit number. Would like to see telemental health presentations, similar to 3-hour ethics presentations each year at the conference.

Jon Kerr, Dahlonega rep., Toccoa Falls. Work toward collaboration on a workshop.

Thommi Odom, Gardner-Webb University. Plan to continue to help the organization as a member.

Haley Reed, social media rep. MGA State. See the continued increase in camaraderie among GCCA members. New and old enjoy that aspect of GCCA.

K.C. Hewit, student rep, Mercer. Learn more about the conference. Reach out to classmates I know to get involved.

In other business, participants were asked to provide email, cell and office contact information to share with council members.

Terri Ducker, GCCA President, reviewed her goals during the next year:

- Reach out to new people without changing “who we are”
- Continue ribbons that were affixed to badges. Found them to be helpful and fun
- Find a way to get more support from our directors
- Form a committee to resolve tax exempt status
- Utilize committees to break down and divide amount of work, particularly in preparing for the conference
- Change and realign districts in accordance to recent merges and consolations among colleges
- Offer Telemental Health workshops before next conference at multiple regions. Jon Kerr and Sylvia Shortt to consider co-sponsoring one of the workshops

Sylvia Shortt asked the council how long ago the by-laws were reviewed. Ruth Hagemann and Terri Ducker indicated that the by-laws had been reviewed during the past year. Ms. Hagemann suggested the council consider forming sub-committees and report back to the council. An annual time line of events, duties, and responsibilities might be considered for future council positions, particularly for presidents and president-elect perhaps kept via a notebook.

Ms. Ducker indicated that many of the conference preparation responsibilities fell on the President Elect and she found it to be overwhelming. There was support for the compilations of a “How to prepare for a conference manual” would be helpful. Also a suggestion of a job responsibility overview. Sylvia Shortt indicated that such a handbook was once available.

In other business, Sylvia Shortt called for council members contribute items to be archived such as conference programs, minutes and so on. She indicated she has received few archival items. It was suggested by Amy Laughter that an electronic drop box be created to house information and have ease of transmission to the archives annually from the conference and other events.

Ms. Ducker announced the next GCCA conference would take place at the King and Prince January 25-27, 2017. The council members set the next council meeting in Macon on March 25. She indicated that council members met from 10-12 and then went out to lunch for further networking. The new address for the meeting place at Middle Georgia is 100 University Parkway, Macon, GA 31206

New Business: No new business

Ms. Ducker encouraged all to attend the Friday morning breakfast at 7:45. She encouraged all to wear the T-shirts for a group photo prior to the ethics presentation.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Angela Wheelus. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Shortt. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by Cheri Mattox-Carroll, secretary