



Great Lakes Chapter

October 17, 2019

The Great Lakes Chapter Meeting was held via conference line. The meeting was called to order by Kristin Emming. In attendance was Kristin Emming, Kent Erhardt, Jolene Wisinski, Nick Ajster, Ty Lein, Molly Costaris, David Loyd and Mark Juedes. Julie Luedtke, Keith Arnold, Rebecca Smith, Jeremy Gritton and Todd Hoppe were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Kristin Emming.

Minutes: The meeting minutes of the August 26, 2019 meeting were distributed by Kristin Emming, President. The minutes were reviewed with a motion made to approve the minutes by Molly Costaris and seconded Nick Ajster. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ty Lein, Treasurer, discussed the Chapter's finances. As the last meeting was only a couple months ago, with no chapter activities since then, there were no significant changes in the chapter's financial position.

Time and Place: Kristin Emming and Jolene Wisinski led the discussion regarding time and place in Michigan for the June 2020 Annual Meeting. Discussed the Holland and Ludington options to hold the meeting. After discussion, it was decided that Holland was the best option to hold the 2020 Annual Meeting. There was some discussion regarding the best dates to hold the meeting. Currently, it is being tentatively planned for June 11-12, but Jolene will look into availability at the hotel for June 18-19. No action was taken on approving the location.

Program: Keith Arnold has volunteered to do program. He has made contacts at Land O'Lakes who believe can help contribute for topics/speakers. Keith is looking for a co-chair. Terry Hopman, at MMPA, has expressed interest in potentially helping.

Chapter Development: Kent Erhardt gave the Chapter Development report. Kent is going to invite Mike Mayhew, the National Chapter Chair, to the June 2020 Annual Meeting. Kent discussed national correspondence. National's goal is to get 15-20 people attending the national meetings. Kent requested that board members watch for continued communications from National.

Education Report: Todd Hoppe, Education Chair, was not able to join and was not able to connect with Kristin Emming prior to the meeting. Nothing to report at this time.

Membership Report: Kristin Emming reported on behalf of Jeremy Gritton for membership. Jeremy had nothing to report other than there were a few adds and a few drops in memberships. Jeremy added that they are following up on member drops. Nothing of

significance to report. Since the August meeting, there have been 2 adds and 2 drops. Membership at 1/1/19 was 115 and remained at 115 as of 8/31/19.

Newsletter Report: Kristin Emming led the discussion on behalf of Keith Arnold. The coming 'newsletter' will spotlight the H.O.F. members. Keith stated he needs to step down from newsletter as he does not have capacity to keep up with commitments. We will look for a new chair to run the Newsletter position. There was additional discussion that there are still distribution issues in members receiving the newsletter.

National Director Report: Kent Erhardt provided the report. Continued work on establishing a communication network for members. They are still early in the process. Continued discussion on getting more involvement nationally.

Other Business: Chicago board planning meeting discussion was led by Kristin Emming. Kristin will look into options for time/place on where to hold the meeting to capture the best in-person attendance. There was some discussion on holding a Thursday – Friday meeting instead of a Sunday-Monday meeting, as done in 2019. Kristin will look into hotel availability for early February.

There was continued interest in accepting credit card payments for chapter meetings. It was discussed that unless National rolls out an e-payment program, Great Lakes will likely table discussions for now on rolling out an e-payment program.

There was discussion regarding the Great Lakes Chapter buying down registration fees due to a strong financial position and what impact that may have to registration numbers at the annual meeting. No decision was made; tabled for the planning meeting in Chicago.

Motion was made to adjourn by Nick Ajster, seconded by Mark Juedes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:51pm.