

Arkansas SOPHE Executive / Membership Minutes

March 6, 2007

10:00 a.m. Executive Committee

11:00 a.m. Membership Meeting

Participants

Alison Rose
Amanda Harvey
Carrie Poston
Lisa Weaver
Barbie Brunner
Janie Runkle
Carla Gilbreath
Dana Hobby
Dana Smith
Kim Miller
Kanisha Caesar
Kim Dean

Topic:

AR SOPHE Conference Registration Fee / Membership Dues

Discussion:

The Executive Committee clarified that the \$130.00 conference fee includes an AR SOPHE membership for one year. According to 501C3, AR SOPHE's calendar year runs from November 1 – October 31. For the future, the Executive Committee approved the conference fee of \$100.00 for all AR SOPHE members.

Topic:

Meeting Dates for 2007 Calendar Year

Discussion:

The 2007 meeting dates are as follows, information is subject to change. Advance notice will be given.

March 6, 2007

Executive Meeting 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
General Membership 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Spring into Wellness Conference
Comfort Inn, Little Rock, AR

May 25, 2007

Executive Meeting 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: LR Neighborhood Resource Center

August 31, 2007

Executive Meeting 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(Possible conference call)

October 26, 2007

Executive Meeting 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Membership 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: TBA

Topic:

Discussion:

Executive Officer Reports

President Elect – Alison Rose reminded us of the state legislature session, and that we need to step up or advocacy efforts by looking for health education issues to educate our legislature on. Barbie suggested that we decide on what issues to push and then decide what we are going to do about it as AR SOPHE. Another suggestion is to write more letters to our legislature.

Vice President – Dana Smith reported that CEUs are available on the AR SOPHE website, and that they are mostly offered by the Midsouth Prevention Institute. The AR SOPHE Conference has been approved for 9 CEUs. Conference attendees can pay for their hours at the conference.

Treasurer – Kim Miller reported that the SOPHE balance is \$15,973.06. We received \$9,000 from registration and sponsors so far, and have paid out \$2,344.00 (before the conference). There are people that still owe SOPHE money for the conference.

Secretary – Carrie Poston reported that the minutes were approved from the last SOPHE meeting, and had no other report.

Historian – Janie Runkle reported that the newsletter is scheduled for an April release and the deadline for article submission is April, 13. All executive committee members are expected to submit an article. Kim Dean suggested that we all write an article that would highlight what we do in our own careers. Dana Hobby suggested that there be an article written about AR SOPHE membership for the newsletter.

National Delegate - Barbie Brunner reported on the National SOPHE president's task force. There were four recommendations for more study that were made. What could National SOPHE do to show chapters more support? The possibility of combining memberships. If someone joins National SOPHE then that membership would include a chapter membership of their choice. Doing away with the requirement of having 15 national members in every chapter, and instead looking at the percentage of national members in each chapter. Barbie also reported that the National SOPHE conference this year will be held in Seattle, WA.

Members at Large -

Conference - Chara Stewart and Misty Paschall have no reports

Citations – Carla Gilbreath reported zero nominations for honorary awards. The Dick Jones Health Education Scholarship award will be given out at the SOPHE conference this year. Some suggestions for next year are to send out the nomination letters earlier, and to advertise in the newsletter and on the website.

Bylaws – Lisa Weaver had no report. The updated bylaws will be posted on the AR SOPHE website by Dana Smith.

Grants – Amanda Harvey suggested that we need to be more involved with our communities by using the Hometown Health Initiative and the Office of Minority Health.

Membership – Dana Hobby reported that those of us who are AR SOPHE members and paid \$130.00 for conference registration will have SOPHE membership through 2008. Dana also suggested the idea of developing specific membership cards for renewing members vs. new AR SOPHE members.

Professional Preparation – Kanisha Caesar requested to be put on the Midsouth Prevention Institute mailing list so she could send out information about the continuing education classes that they offer.