

Arkansas SOPHE Executive / Membership Minutes

May 25, 2007

11:00 a.m. Executive Committee

12:00 a.m. Membership Meeting

Participants

Alison Rose...Executive

Carrie Poston...Executive

Barbie Brunner...Executive

Janie Runkle...Executive

Kim Miller...Executive

Kim Dean...Executive

Dana Smith...Executive

Laura Mayfield...Membership

Misty Smith...Membership

Sabra Miller...Membership

Topic: 2007 AR SOPHE Conference

Discussion: Dana Smith provided us with the conference evaluation results. Kim Dean will send copies to everyone on the planning committee. When discussing the SOPHE conference in general, it was decided that there were some improvements that could be made for next year. Some things discussed were: certain conference logistics were unclear, time factors were a challenge, it's preferred to have one big opening session instead of two. There was some discussion about possibly hosting one day regional conferences across the state instead of having a two day conference once a year in Little Rock. Another option discussed was to go in together with other venues for a conference, or we could hire a conference planner for next year. We could survey SOPHE members and find out what they might want in the conference. Also, we could start offering CEU opportunities at membership meetings, and hold meetings in other locations. Some positive things discussed were that we had good outside speakers, we saved some money on the location, we were well fed, and the Dick Jones Scholarship.

Executive Officer Reports

Discussion: **President Elect** – Alison Rose reported that she attended the Midsouth Prevention Institute committee meeting. If, in the future, we decide to work with another venue to host a conference it could be possible to work with Midsouth on this effort. Also, Alison sent out sample letters that we could use and send to our legislator regarding advocacy issues.

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 Midsouth summer school will be held June 3-8 this year and there will be 30 CEUs possible.

Treasurer – Kim Miller reported that the AR SOPHE balance is \$14,021.33. SOPHE collected \$12,872.88 for the conference, and the conference fees totaled 8,042.94. There was a profit of \$4829.94 from this years SOPHE 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 came out the first of this month, and the next newsletter publication will be in August. There is a July 13th deadline for article submission for the August newsletter. Please send submissions to Janie Runkle. Janie also suggested that a link to the newsletter be put on the AR SOPHE website.

National Delegate – Barbie Brunner provided a handout of the SOPHE Chapter Task Force Feasibility Report (DRAFT). There were four recommendations made for improving the national – chapter relationship. Recommendation #1, National SOPHE will hire a chapter development staff person due to the lack of connection between the chapters and National SOPHE. Recommendation #2, chapters will no longer be required to maintain the 15 minimum national memberships to earn a vote or for re-designation. Recommendation #3, chapter members will have discounted membership dues of \$30.00 compared to non-chapter SOPHE members. Recommendation #4, for chapters to become affiliated with national SOPHE, the chapter will pay a yearly assessment of \$500.00 for established chapters or \$250.00 for new or reconstituted chapters (initially for the first two years). This report will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the National SOPHE conference in Seattle, WA. The board will then decide which recommendations to implement.

Members at Large -

Conference - Chara Stewart and Misty Paschall had no reports

Citations – Carla Gilbreath had no report

Bylaws – Lisa Weaver had no report.

Grants – Amanda Harvey had no report

Membership – Dana Hobby provided the membership roster to Kim Miller so that it could be available for viewing. Janie Runkle helped Dana H. develop the new SOPHE stationary/information card that is now mailed out with the membership cards.

Professional Preparation – Kanisha Caesar had no report.