



Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2009

35 Members and 2 Guests in Attendance

Call Meeting to Order **12:00pm**
Welcome

Ginny Cooper
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Introduce Leadership Team

Recognize guests - Melissa Kennelly, In Bloom; & Sue Lampitt (Member in Progress), In Tech Printing

Drawing for free luncheon goes to Deborah Shane

Laura Puerto

Drawing for member spotlight in imPRes goes to Beckie Reeves

Announcements/Updates

Chapter Management

Ginny Cooper

Received a motion from Dick Collins and a second from Barbara-Anne Urrutia to approve the minutes of the last Chapter meeting as posted to the Web site and communicated via email.

Rock-ing Chair Award

Ginny Cooper

Programs Chair Deborah Shane was honored with this month's President's "Rock-ing Chair" award for her dedication to planning and coordinating each meeting's presenters.

Bylaw amendment

Ginny Cooper

To pass, it needed approval by 2/3rds of membership present.

"ARTICLE XII. Review Policy

Section 1. Bylaws: The bylaws shall be reviewed bi-annually, commencing in 2010. The review shall be completed by August of the designated year.

Section 2. Policies & Procedures: The policies & procedures shall be reviewed bi-annually, commencing in 2011. The review shall be completed by August of the designated year.

Received a motion from Vicki Collins and a second from Heidi Taulman to approve, and motion carries.

Meeting Rates Change

Ginny Cooper

The board unanimously approved a rate change for our meeting registrations to take effect for the September 1st meeting. Member prices will remain the same at \$18 per person; the guest price will be \$25. Also, there will be a \$5 walk in fee charged for those who have not registered by the announced deadlines. This is meant to encourage timely registration, as this allows our leaders to better gauge the RSVP headcount for lunch. As a rule, no-shows for both meetings and events are still required to pay. If members must miss a meeting that they have registered for, they should contact the Hospitality Chair prior to the registration date to let them know, and they will not be charged.

Paypal Update

Ginny Cooper

PayPal is live on our Web site. We are still working through some kinks, so attendees choosing to pay in this manner must also register (two step process: register and pay).

PRU

Karen Ryan, APR, CPRC

Plans are coming together swiftly for a "don't want to miss" event. She encouraged everyone to save the date for October 9, 2009 and to watch for more details coming soon.

New Members*Phyllis Ershowsky, APR, CPRC*

Maran Hilgendorf, Allison Spencer and Thomas Becker.

Phyllis also congratulated those members celebrating FPRA anniversaries this month!

Board Presentation*Ginny Cooper*

President Ginny Cooper took time today to recognize the achievements of the chapter this year with this year's Leadership Team. She read off an impressive list of feats and shared her gratitude for the opportunity to serve the team. Every member was presented with a special gift for their efforts.

Board Re-Cap*Barbara-Anne Urrutia*

Immediate Past President Barbara Anne-Urrutia gave a year-end wrap up of memories the Leadership Team members shared with her. She also presented Ginny with a gift to represent 12 months of leadership that "rocked." In her honor, the Leadership Team, with LCPA, had the American Flag certificates beautifully framed for the FPREF Auction to be held at FPRA Conference in Boca Raton this month.

Program*Deborah Shane*

Deborah Shane and Phyllis Ershowsky, APR, CPRC led a fun game with a serious topic: Ethics in PR - Jeopardy. The attendees divided into three teams and buzzed in their questions to the answers to tough questions. The winners took home \$20 gift certificates donated by Red Salon and Spa.

Closing*Ginny Cooper*

Motion to adjourn by Angie Strait and seconded by Phyllis Ershowsky, APR, CPRC. Adjourned at 1:05pm