

Association of Texas Appraisers
Board of Directors Meeting
February 9, 2007

President Bobby Shafer called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Hotel, New Braunfels, Texas.

Directors present were Bobby Shafer, Colleen Nance, Bobby Crisp, Georg Seidel, Mike Braught, Bridgett Blankenship, Norm Miller, Shirley McAllister and past president Vladimir Pospisil. Also attending were interested members Bill McAllister, Tom Shirley, Nester Leamon and Gale Pospisil, Executive Director. Absent was Director Laura Stehling.

Reading of minutes from previous Board of Directors meeting August 18, 2006 held in Corpus Christi, Texas, was waived as minutes had already been mailed to directors and approved.

Executive Director Gale Pospisil distributed \$50 checks to members of the board. She also advised that she had filed for reimbursement of sales taxes and gave examples. She reported that ATA is totally incorporated and a non-profit tax exempt 501 (c)(3) corporation. The board thanked her for her efforts in producing these results for ATA, especially having done it in such a timely fashion.

President Shafer said that he, Bridgett and Gale would work on a draft of the 2008 budget, which would be sent to board members via email. After comment by the directors, the budget will be sent to members and then approved by the board at the August meeting.

Treasurer Bridgett Blankenship and Gale Pospisil gave the Treasurer's Report, copy of which is attached to the minutes.

President Shafer asked Gale to discuss with the board the issue of purchasing a new projector. Gale advised that the projector had been purchased based on e-mail approval by the board but she wasn't clear that the vote also authorized purchase of a replacement bulb. This was reconfirmed with a unanimous vote and she will purchase the bulb.

Old business was discussed such as articles for the newsletter. Norm Miller was reminded that he had committed to an article for the March newsletter. Mike Braught is to write one for the following newsletter due in June of 2007. Bobby Shafer and Bobby Crisp were reminded that their articles should be to Gale by March 9.

Gale advised that new membership pins were included in members registration packets and that those members not in attendance would have pins mailed to them.

Bobby Crisp reported that he had enlisted new Associate Member Diana Jacob to help him with the Professional Standards Committee and would have a report in August.

Shirley McAllister, Chairperson of the Membership Committee reported that she was working on getting new members in Corpus Christi. President Shafer reminded all that his goal was to have 100 members by the time his term expired.

Gale reported that we presently have 86 members, which included the newest members who had joined this day. She also reported that there are 17 designated members and 1 associate member.

Gale provided information regarding banners and a motion was made and passed to purchase two banners and a stand at a cost not to exceed \$500. One banner is to be for podium mounting and one for stand mounting. She will get some designs and send them to directors for their comments. Goal is to have banners for August meeting.

Vladimir Pospisil suggested prorated dues (half price for new members joining after the February meeting) since there would only be the August meeting. This was moved and was unanimously approved of.

Tom Shirley was asked if he would be in charge of auditing the association's books. He agreed. Norm Miller asked if the audit committee shouldn't have at least 2-3 members instead of just one. Bobby Crisp asked if it should be an amendment to the bylaws. It was decided that this wasn't necessary but that it would be an annual procedure. President Shafer appointed Tom Shirley and Patrick Goebel to be the Audit Committee.

The president suggested that New Braunfels always be the site for our February meetings. Motion was made, seconded and passed in unanimous approval. The Second Annual meeting will be held in Victoria August 17-18. Friday's half day class had 2 choices: the new FHA guidelines or supervising trainees. It was decided that since most of the members do not have trainees and because most would benefit from the FHA training that we should have the FHA class. Saturday August 18 would be an all day class on the Cost Approach. Gale asked that members from Victoria find a suitable restaurant for the optional Friday night dinner.

Gale also asked if we should continue the two \$25 gift certificates as door prizes for members who attend the general membership meeting in August. Motion was made, seconded and passed in unanimous approval, with the stipulation that members of the Board of Directors and officers are not eligible.

The February 2008 meeting will be the 8th and 9th in New Braunfels with Saturday class being the USPAP Update. Gale commented on the good offer George Harrison made as to the price of the USPAP class, a flat \$1200 fee plus \$30 per student, which she said amounted to approximately \$50 per student if at least 60 came. Because it will be the newest version of USPAP (since this will be coming out in January 2008) it is expected that we will have a number of non-members (who pay more) attending this class. It was agreed that rather than increase the registration fee, the Association would underwrite any difference between cost and income. The Friday class was not decided upon but a possible technology seminar was discussed as a possibility.

The board requested that Gale prepare certificates of appreciation to distribute to outgoing officers and directors at the August meeting.

Approval was asked for two new applicants for designations; Patrick Goebel ATA-R and Bill Funk ATA-G. After letters of recommendations were read, both were approved unanimously.

Board of Directors was reminded that nominations for replacements for the outgoing board members are needed and would be asked for at next day's class. Vladimir Pospisil is chairman of the Nominating Committee. Georg Seidel, Laura Stehling, and Bobby Shafer are the three directors whose terms expire.

Questions were asked about lack of updated membership list on website. Gale is going to check on the problem as she has been sending monthly. She also said that in sending out emails she would send out any email to herself and then BCC everyone else so as to not publish everyone's email address.

Nester commented upon the need for all membership to get in touch with their politicians, encouraging them to vote as each person feels their respective officials should. Nester asked that a reminder of this sort be placed in the newsletter.

Norm Miller asked about the possibility of creating an ATA logo that members can use on their business cards. Gale will check into this.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Nance
ATA Secretary

Approved by the Board of Directors – March 3, 2007