

Association of Texas Appraisers
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
August 7, 2009

Bobby Crisp, standing in for Bridgett Blankenship; President, called General Membership meeting to order at 5:25pm at Holiday Inn Hotel in Corpus Christi Texas. Directors present were Michael Braught, John Macy, Bill Render, Bobby Shafer, Tom Shirley, Eileen Brown, Candy Cooke and newly elected director Ken Becker.

Bobby Shafer moved to wave the reading of the minutes of February 2009 meeting as secretary had previously read them at general membership meeting. This was seconded and passed.

Election of Officers:

Eileen Brown made a motion that Michael Braught continue serving as treasurer after being re-elected at general membership meeting. This was seconded and passed. Bobby Shafer made a motion that Eileen Brown continue serving as secretary. This was seconded and passed. Eileen Brown nominated Candy Cooke for Vice President. This was seconded and passed. Tom Shirley assumed his position as President.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer Michael Braught presented the Financial Report, copy of which will be attached to minutes. ATA currently has over \$26,000 in bank. Candy Cooke then presented her audit report, copy of which will be attached to the minutes. Michael Braught then distributed directors' checks. A motion was made by Bobby Shafer for ATA to purchase an easel, which was suggested by Candy to assist any instructors in future courses. This was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

The people selected for Professional Standards Committee were announced and are as follows: Bill Funk, Bubba Treadway, Cathy Treadway, Diana Jacob, Bernie Boarnet, Ruth Brillhart, and Colleen Nance.

Payment to Candy Cooke for instruction of Friday August 7 course was discussed. Although she asked for nothing more than her gas and hotel expenses, the amount of \$300 was brought up and Bobby Shafer made a motion for this to be the amount paid to her. This was seconded and passed.

New Business:

Future meetings were then discussed. The offering of a 3 hour Legal course on Friday February 19, 2010 was confirmed. A decision on Friday afternoon's offering was tabled

until more research and discussion can be done by board. This motion was made by Bobby Shafer, seconded and passed. It was discussed that ATA may soon have more course options from which to choose as there is a new school, Franklin Education Institute, which was started by Rich Deheer and Diana Jacobs. It was already confirmed that Saturday the USPAP course would be offered. It was confirmed that the McKenna Events Center has been reserved for both days and there is no charge for the facility.

The location of August 2010 meeting was then discussed. Due to the overwhelming popular vote by general membership for the August 2010 meeting to be held in Fredericksburg, there was a motion made by Ken Becker with a suggestion to research Fredericksburg Inn and Suites as possible site. This was seconded and passed. Exact dates were tabled until further research can be done.

Due to August meeting being held in Fredericksburg, the subject of how to appeal to many Houston/Bay Area appraisers was still up for discussion. It was suggested ATA add a June meeting in 2010 to be held in Katy area to help gain membership from that area sooner rather than later. This motion was made by Ken Becker, seconded and passed.

Ken Becker agreed to write article for September newsletter and the board decided that Frank Baker would provide article for December newsletter.

A motion was made by Bobby Shafer to change the drawing of two \$25 gift certificates, to the drawing of one \$25 gift certificate and one good for one free class. This was seconded and passed.

President Tom Shirley suggested we purchase food for breakfast as we usually provide tacos and had nothing planned. It was motioned by Candy Cooke to spend up to \$200 for breakfast items on Saturday, this was seconded and passed.

Announcements:

Gale Pospisil wrote a letter addressed to ATA Board of Directors, a copy of which will be attached to the minutes, in which she announced her resignation as Executive Director. She has offered to serve through February 2010 in order to provide ample time for the board to find a replace and will help make arrangements for the August 2010 meeting. By February she will have a procedure manual to assist whoever may assume position of Executive Director.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Brown, Secretary