

Kansas Chapter Public Risk Management
Quarterly Membership Meeting
February 19, 2010
Emporia, Kansas

Officers in attendance were: President- Sid Cumberland, Vice President-Melissa Fairbanks, Treasurer- Kelly Perkins, Secretary- Donna Dolinger-Capria, Director -Gina Fischer. Past President-Alan Weldon

Those attending the meeting were as follows:

JoAnn Nowatzke	Jerry Smades
Mike Bennett	Diana Mansouri
Mike Teter	Mick McBride
Jennifer Kuhs	Kim Salanski
Don Anderson	Phil Rippee
Carl Eyeman	Eric Hoffman
Terry Sinclair	Dennis Quiring
Leslie Borden	
Marcia Payne	

At 10:10 am President -Sid Cumberland called the meeting to order and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and the organization they represent.

Members were asked to review the November minutes and Treasurers Report. Melissa Fairbanks made a motion to approve the November minutes, it was seconded by Don Anderson.

A motion was made by Mick McBride to approve the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded by Melissa Fairbanks.

Speakers for quarterly chapter meetings-Sid Cumberland asked for suggested topics:

Facebook

Hiring Info

Mick would like an update on carriers/market expectations

Sedgwick County is updating driving policies

Use of Force-Police and include jails/detention centers/juvenile & adult

KS Tort Update

Large Losses

Crisis Management

Cyber Liability (might be included with Sedgwick County's driving policies)

Sid Cumberland brought up the suggestion of purchasing the PRIMA Webinars on CD.

National PRIMA has not offered the Conference seminars that previously could be purchased on CD. Alan Weldon made a motion to purchase the CD's from National. Mike Bennett seconded.

Speaker gifts were discussed. The chapter previously had paper weights to give to speakers.

The vendor is no longer offering the paper weights as a purchase item. Other items offered as gifts were trophy's, pens and pencils. At the board meeting additional items that were discussed were coffee mugs/cups that could also be filled with candy for speaker gifts. Sports bottles, tote bags, flash drives.

Estimated costs for speaker gifts:

Water bottle \$3.69

Tumbler \$3.79

Tote bags \$2.85 for 250

Mugs \$1.89 to \$3.65

Flash drives \$8.25 to \$12.75 (2 gig bytes \$8.99 to \$13.75)

58 members approved of the flash drives. Mike Bennett made a motion to purchase flash drives. Dennis Quiring seconded. It was noted to purchase enough drives to last approx. 3 years as speaker gifts.

Mo-Ks Conference Scholarships-Sid Cumberland discussed that the chapter offered \$300 scholarships to recipients, that pays for registration costs of approx. \$100 (which is paid up front by the chapter directly). The recipients would then have to make their own hotel reservations, and then submit the receipt to the chapter Treasurer (Kelly Perkins) for

the additional re-imbusement costs of \$200. Any additional costs, such as transportation, taxes on hotel costs, food etc., would have to be paid by the recipient themselves.

Members that would like to apply for the \$300 scholarships to the Mo-Ks Conference are asked to send an email to Sid Cumberland, as president.

Sid Cumberland read the conference sessions for the Mo-Ks Conference, and requested those that are attending to get their reservations in early, as the Early Bird deadline is March 13th.

Mick McBride talked about how in the past, the hotel also offered condo's for about double the room rate, which offered 2-3 bedrooms and could be shared costs. However, condo's were not being offered this year.

Jennifer Kuhns mentioned that the Mo-Ks Conference Planning Committee is discussing the possibility of having a group dinner perhaps "off-site" (instead of dinner on your own) on Thursday nite. Suggested possibilities: Backsters, or a Murder Mystery dinner. Conference registration form did not have the dinner option. Jennifer also wanted to get an idea on who might want to still have the boat rides offered. Since the conference is moved up a week earlier than usual, it was decided that it would be too cold for the boat rides. Only 14 members voted in favor of the boat ride.

October Seminar-It was suggested that the October seminar that has been held in Wichita, consider starting at a later time, to allow people to drive down that morning. Phil Rippee stated that the chapter needed to support the October seminar.

Pat Meyers with Lockton offered to use Lockton facilities and to have a continued education seminar on risk management topics such as: contract reviews, additional insureds, fiduciary. Mr. Meyers also offered to MO & KS chapters a seminar on the Fundamentals of Risk Management.

Mick McBride suggested including Iowa and Nebraska chapter members in our seminars.

Terry Sinclair mentioned that the purpose of the (Wichita seminar) was to promote membership. We did get 2 new members the first year of the seminar, however we did not get any new members from the October 2009 seminar. This could be due to several entities implementing restrictions on travel. Since the seminar was free to public entities, the only costs involved were for transportation expenses, which most attendees would be able to pay on their own.

Marcia Payne said perhaps a density study could be conducted for Topeka, Wichita & Kansas City.

Mick McBride mentioned the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association). Phil Rippee stated that it has approx 40-50 members, and when it is that large of a group, its hard to get others involved.

Sid Cumberland asked for thoughts on not putting on the October seminar.

11:00 Pat Meyers, with Lockton, spoke on the State of the Markets. Mr. Meyers mentioned to be sure to check to make sure that contractors are bonded. With the economy as slow as it is, contractors from out of state are bidding on smaller projects, in order to stay in business. Due to "low bidders" many contractors are going out of business.

Mr. Meyers said in "soft market" underwriting requirements are not as stringent with regards to complete applications. However, risk managers need to be prepared with good underwriting criteria for when the market does turn. Some areas that risk managers might need to review:
Property values need to be in order, possible increasing deductibles, look closely at marginal clauses. Be sure to have agreed value and blanket limits.

12:00 We broke for lunch.

12:50 Sid Cumberland resumed the business meeting. Sid mentioned having webinars at the chapter meetings.

A membership roster was passed around for members to update their information.

Sid is unable to attend the National Conference in June, therefore requested the chapter to allow Melissa Fairbanks to attend in his place and receive the chapter funds allowed for the president to attend the National conference, of upto \$1500.

The Chapter Service Award was given to Dennis Quiring, and the membership offered Dennis a scholarship of \$1500 to attend National. Other members planning on attending the 2010 National Conference are Mick McBride and Alan Weldon.

Alan Weldon mentioned that several states are having budget cuts (HB 2222/ HB 2676) States are borrowing money to pay for unemployment and then have to pay it back to the government.

Alan also mentioned that SB 258 is being reviewed, that will increase state caps, and that the Work Comp Advisory Council is proposing adding additional wording to KSA 44-501, that basically states that any health issue suffered by a firefighter, shall be presumed to arise out of and in the course of employment.

Sid Cumberland stated that at the annual Board meeting held in January 2010, that the board members elected to destroy treasurer's documents that are over 7 years old.

Sid also suggested purchasing a laptop computer, that would contain the membership roster, by-laws, agendas & minutes, along with treasurer's reports and other documents as necessary for the chapter. It was also suggested that the chapter purchase a projector, so speakers would not have to bring their own for presentations etc.

Phil Rippee made the motion to purchase a laptop and a projector for chapter use. It was seconded by Mick McBride.

Melissa Fairbanks recognized past members for their service and presented them with their awards. Melissa also called for a "Membership Challenge" to try and get people to join the chapter. Each member is challenged to bring a guest to future meetings, which the chapter would pay for the guest meal.

Donna Dolinger-Capria mentioned that Pat Meyers with Lockton had offered their offices for an educational seminar. Terry Sinclair with Johnson County also offered their offices. It was suggested to look into combining efforts for training to include private and public entities, along with possibly changing meeting venues. Members stated their preference would be to maintain our mission to serve public entities.

Mick McBride then made a motion that a committee be formed for further planning and discussion of an educational seminar offering, as a substitute for the October seminar. It was seconded by Terry Sinclair. A committee of: Terry Sinclair, Sid Cumberland and Donna Dolinger-Capria will put ideas together for future discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

2010 National Scholarship Recipients: Melissa Fairbanks, Vice President (City of Ottawa) (in Sid Cumberlands place), Kelly Perkins (City of Lenexa), and Diana Mansouri (Sedgwick County).

2009 National Scholarship Recipients: Melissa Fairbanks, Treasurer (City of Ottawa).

2010 MO/KS Conference Scholarship Recipients:

Terry Fields
Michael Bennett
Diana Mansouri
Donna Dolinger-Capria
Colleen Browne
Dennis Quiring
Terry Sinclair
Alan Weldon

2009 MO/KS Conference Scholarship Recipients:

Terry Fields
Tamara Brandt
Schott Hildebrand
Kelly Perkins
Donna Dolinger-Capria
Dennis Quiring
Terry Sinclair
Diana Mansouri

