

Kansas Chapter Public Risk Management
Quarterly Membership Meeting
May 20, 2011
Emporia, Kansas

Officers in attendance were: President-Melissa Fairbanks, Vice President-Donna Dolinger-Capria, Kelly Perkins-Treasurer, Director-Regina Fischer, Past- President-Sid Cumberland

Those attending the meeting were as follows:

Carl Eyman	Scott Greeno
David Heger	George Waldron
PJ Baker	Clo Whitaker
Dennis Quiring	Dennis Johnson
Mick McBride	Linda Minson
Don Osenbaugh	Steve Sopinski
Jerry Smades	Mary Ogden
Kim Salanski	

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

10:12 Business Meeting-

Members were asked to review the February minutes. Mick McBride made a motion to accept the minutes, it was seconded by Alan Weldon. Motion passed.

Kelly Perkins, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurers report. Kelly clarified that for the MO/KS Conference, there were 10 scholarships awarded, as 2 members were unable to attend. For the 2 that were unable to attend, one check was able to be voided, however, the other was included with several other registrations and a refund check is anticipated for \$200. Donna Dolinger-Capria made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, it was seconded by Alan Weldon. Motion passed.

Melissa Fairbanks talked about May being Vendor Recognition month and expressed the appreciation for the vendors of their support of the KS PRIMA chapter along with the MO/KS Conference.

Melissa Fairbanks recognized Dennis Quiring, who announced his retirement from the City of Newton, Kansas effective as of June 3rd, 2011. Dennis expressed how much he has learned and enjoyed during his membership in the chapter.

Dennis Quiring discussed being webmaster for the chapter, and would like to continue in that role, if approved by the board, for a small fee.

Melissa Fairbanks announced that the National PRIMA Conference is being held in Portland, Oregon and Donna Dolinger-Capria and Melissa Fairbanks will attend through scholarships from the chapter. One additional scholarship was awarded to Mick McBride, however, Mick was unable to attend. The scholarship was then offered to Diana Mansouri, who was also unable to attend. Melissa suggested that the funds for the un-used scholarship, should be used in the future, for a new member to be able to attend the National Conference. A motion was made by Dennis Quiring, that the un-used

scholarship funds should be used in the future for a new member to attend the National Conference. The motion was seconded by Alan Weldon. Motion passed.

Melissa Fairbanks mentioned that she had missed the deadline to notify National PRIMA of the recipient of the Chapter Service Award. She discussed this with Jennifer Ackerman from National to see if anything could be arranged, however, Jennifer advised that it was too late. Melissa opened up for discussion on what the membership would recommend. She offered to present an award from the chapter, and then, the recipient could be nominated next year, for the National award. Mick McBride said he thought it would be appropriate for the chapter to present the award. Donna Dolinger-Capria agreed that it would be appropriate to present an award from the chapter.

Linda Minson reminded the members that at a previous chapter meeting, the idea was brought up about a conference in the fall. Linda said she would be happy to offer ½ day risk management seminar. Locations were discussed to be centralized and Linda said that perhaps even 2 separate seminars could be arranged. Dennis Quiring mentioned that the City of Newton has a new conference center that accommodates up to 500 people. Mick McBride expressed that one of the many reasons the chapter was formed, was to promote educational initiatives. Several discussions followed with regards to the last fall seminar that was held in Wichita, was for free, and also offered free memberships to the chapter, and attendance was low. Don Osenbaugh offered that he would be able to have some contact with additional cities and counties, and see what their perspective would be on attending a fall seminar. Melissa Fairbanks stated that it would be a good idea, and should be discussed at a future meeting.

Mick McBride passed out pens and notepads with a safety slogan. Mick said that his entity, with over 3,000 employees, has a contest every year to select a new slogan. This year's slogan was "Safety is as simple as ABC. Always Be Careful.

11:00 Melissa introduced the first speaker: Fire Chief Hudson, with the City of Shawnee.

12:10 Lunch break

1:00 Melissa introduced the second speaker: Kenny Smith, with OneBeacon.

1:55 Business meeting continued. Kelly Perkins had a question for the board. Kelly wanted to know about current market conditions and how to better prepare for a hard market. Due to recent catastrophe events (tornados, floods) it could be the turning point. Linda Minson offered that due to most carriers having large surplus, it would take a large event to cause markets to harden. Linda mentioned that especially in workers' compensation line of coverage, insureds are seeing rate increases, where claims activity warrant them, but they are not seeing overall rate increases across the industry.

Melissa announced that OneBeacon presented the chapter with a voucher for the cost of one night at the Four Seasons Hotel/Resort, as one of their representatives was unable to utilize the voucher. The voucher is good for up to one year. The membership expressed their appreciation for the voucher, which can be used towards the MO/KS Conference next year.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05

Submitted by:
Donna Dolinger-Capria