

Kansas Chapter PRIMA
August 17, 2007 Quarterly Membership Meeting

Call to order at 10:10 A.M. by President Don L. Anderson. Officers present were: Liz Maisberger-Clark, Don L. Anderson, Eric Smith, Karen Hartenbower, Alan Weldon, Julie Lister, and Melissa Fairbanks.

President Anderson welcomed the new people attending this meeting, and asked those present to identify themselves and the organization they represent. Those attending included:

Dennis Quiring
Marcia Payne
Tris Felix
Marcus Henley
Lauren Oliver
Terry Sinclair
Mike Bennett
Ryan Carpenter
Kim Salanski
Jordan Rosser
Carl Eyman
Nancy Schuessler
Leslie Borden
Susan Nelson Paris
Tom Adams
Linda Minson

Mick McBride
Stephanie Dawkins
John Puetz
Jennifer Kuhn
Bill Curtis
Gina Fischer
Kelly Perkins
Kathy Haile
Deborah Laufenburger
Tom Mollencamp
Frank Stavniak
Leslie Webb
Eric Hoffman
David Coleman, Jr.
Lannie Linebarger

A copy of the minutes from the May 18, 2007 membership meeting was available at the sign-in table. After a brief moment to scan the minutes, President Anderson called for a motion to approve the minutes. It was moved by Liz Maisberger-Clark and seconded by Eric Smith. Motion to approve was passed.

Treasurer Karen Hartenbower gave the treasurer's report. She mentioned the May lunch was complimentary by the caterer due to the last minute mix-up saving the chapter over \$300. She still hasn't heard from the Mo PRIMA chapter regarding the split of the proceeds from the April conference. Kim Salanski volunteered to follow up with our neighboring chapter. The chapter CD was renewed, and the balance of all funds is \$20,266.72. David Coleman moved to accept the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Dennis Quiring. Motion passed.

President Anderson appointed a nominating committee of Julie Lister and Melissa Fairbanks to return at the November 16th meeting with a slate of officers for the 2008 calendar year.

A copy of the proposed by-laws changes was available at the sign-in table. Eric Smith reviewed the proposed changes, most of which were in Article IV, Membership. Mick McBride proposed a change in paragraph 3 of this section to read "shall be involved with" as opposed to the stated language "shall be responsible for that governmental entity's risk, insurance and/or safety management." Motion to approve this change was made by Alan Weldon and seconded by Mike Bennett. Motion to approve the proposed changes with the amendment was made by Mick McBride and seconded by Alan Weldon. Motion passed.

Karen Hartenbower mentioned the annual donation to the Girl Scouts. The chapter has met at the Emporia Girl Scouts Headquarters for several years. Mick McBride moved that the chapter renew its contribution of \$500. David Coleman made a friendly amendment to increase the amount to \$750 recognizing that the Girl Scouts also have inflationary costs. Mick accepted the friendly amendment. The motion was moved by Mick McBride and seconded by Liz Maisberger-Clark. Motion passed.

Terry Sinclair brought up the issue of the recently passed SB 333 that deals with construction contracts for public entities. One point dealt with the waiver of subrogation and the second point dealt with the definition of substantial completion. The waiver is in Section 3(b)(3), and the definition of substantial completion is in Section 1(h). There was also a concern expressed about the release of retainage found in Section 3(c). The discussion was for informational purposes only.

Mick McBride mentioned his current legal decision involving a Sedgwick County firefighter and the disability/retirement offset under workers compensation. However, this offset does not seem to apply to cases of permanent total disability.

Eric Smith mentioned that Topeka recently lost a firefighter due to a job-related coronary. The heat was a factor that proved an exception to the state's cardiovascular exclusion under workers compensation. Now Eric is faced with providing survivor benefits to dependants born to different mothers.

Tom Adams asked about the cap under the Kansas Tort Claims Act. It has been \$500,000 for quite a while. He wondered if an attempt would be made to increase the cap during the next session in the legislature. Both Bill Curtis and Mike Bennett commented that the Kansas Trial Lawyers lack the votes in committee to bring such a bill out of legislative committee.

At 11 A.M. President Anderson adjourned the business portion of the meeting to allow Julie Lister to introduce our first speaker, Bernie Heyen from the City of Manhattan. His topic was business ethics/values. Mr. Heyen pointed out

that values lead to principles and principles can affect how we deal with customers and fellow employees. He distinguished between extrinsic and intrinsic values and illustrated his points with examples. At 12:05 P.M. the meeting broke for lunch.

At 1 P.M. the meeting reconvened to hear Mary Magathan from Sunrise-Sunset, LLC talk about wellness in the workplace. She mentioned benefits to both employer and employees resulting from employer sponsored wellness programs. Then she led us through the steps for implementing a wellness program, such as, data collection, identifying interest, designing the program delivery, marketing, confidentiality, implementation, and evaluation. This session will be repeated at the Sedgwick County Wellness Conference in Wichita on August 28th.

During the issues and comments session following Ms. Magathan's presentation, Mick McBride brought up the issue of medical mobility, especially to international medical centers like Singapore and India. He said quality procedures that cost five and six figures here in the United States can be performed at these international sites for a fraction of the cost...even after the expenses are paid for transportation and room and board.

Alan Weldon mentioned that Monte Giddings has been invited to speak at the November 16th meeting on enterprise risk management. The second speaker has yet to be confirmed. The meeting adjourned just after 2 P.M.

Alan Weldon
Secretary