Elizabethtown Service Center

April 27, 2017

5 pm ET

Present: Diane Dunn, Coy Higdon, Karen Evans, Kelli Samuels, Adam Haggard, Dana McKinney, Patti Karn, Runita Rice, Gera Ferguson, Lindsey New, Kay Barton, Carla Harper, Dawn Ovesen, Kenni Crane and Jeanie Williams.

Documents provided to begin meeting: Agenda 4/27/17, Travel Claim, Financial Report, and Membership Report. (Minutes of last meetings (11/2/16 and 11/4/16) were sent previously by email for review and comment.)

President Kay Barton called the meeting to order. Due to a new director being present for her first meeting, introductions were made by going around the room and everyone speaking their name. Alternate Fan KASCOE Associate Director, Jeanie Williams was seated to serve at the meeting for Laura Howell. Motion was made by Dawn Ovesen, second by Runita Rice. All in favor with no opposition.

Financial Report was given by Treasurer, Patti Karn, with a noted ending checking account balance of $11, 795.62, Motion made by Karen Evans to accept the Financial Report as submitted, seconded by Coy Higdon. All in favor with no opposition.

President Barton noted that the minutes were previously sent for comment and review. Secretary Dana McKinney confirmed that only minor typos had been corrected from the minutes that were sent to directors. Secretary gave Membership Report. It was noted that membership seems to be holding steady at 82%. Motion was made to Diane Dunn to accept minutes and Membership report as submitted, seconded by Dawn Ovesen. All in favor with no opposition.

Thank-you card received from Kristie Gassaway (Allen County) for the recent donation to scholarship in memory of her father, Jim Douglas, was shared with the directors.

Scholarship report was given by President Barton. Applying for 2017 scholarship were three applicants, 1 Traditional and 2 Open Continuing Education. One applicant applying for the Open scholarship did not submit the supporting documentation (transcript and letter(s) of recommendation). Two females and one male applied. The panel of scholarship judges included: Kellie Samuels, Curt Isaacs, and David Duke. Cheyenne Perry, applicant for traditional, was top scorer in this category. James Kash was top scorer in Open category, however, this student did not submit all the required documentation. There was much discussion about this issue. It was also noted that several directors were pretty confident Mr. Kash had been awarded SEA Area winner. Many questions were discussed concerning how the new online application may have affected the results, etc. The fact that membership rules for the related employees of these student not being confirmed was a major issue. The employee parent of James Kash has not been a 5consecutive year paying member, which should had made him ineligible to apply. There was then discussion concerning the other Open applicant, Kassandra Hamilton, having already received an Open scholarship from KASCOE, and any limits for receiving the scholarship. Motion was made by Lindsey New to pay the traditional winner, Cheyenne Perry, and follow the National Scholarship rules for Open and other scholarships which allow applicants to receive it ONE time. After the motion was put on the floor, there was much discussion about the fact that Ms. Hamilton could have been eligible to receive the AREA and or National Open even though KY had awarded her scholarship already, and the fact that this had not been an issue nor addressed previously. Lindsey confirmed on the KASCOE website that the only scholarships that KASCOE is obligated to is ONE Traditional of $500 for regular member and ONE Traditional of $250 for associate member. There was then discussion about the scoring sheet for KY addressing in the future points to be given for required documentation which includes the transcript and recommendation letters. Motion on the floor made by Lindsey New was amended by Coy Higdon to state that for 2017 KASCOE fund the Traditional scholarship to Cheyenne Perry and fund the Open scholarship to Kassandra Hamilton, with no payments to James Kash due to his ineligibility, seconded by Dawn Ovesen. All in favor, no opposition. Lindsey New then made the motion to set policy in the by-laws to be in effect from this day forward to award at the KY level one traditional scholarship of $500 for regular member and one traditional of $250 for associate member and any other categories as determined according to available funding, with all policy following that policy set forth in National policy that governs scholarship. Motion was seconded by Runita Rice. All in favor with no opposition.

Coy Higdon asked a question concerning the “Hospitality Savings Account” that was noted in the Financial Report and discussed how the amount has not changed for several meetings and appears to be unused. He stated he would like to see this amount moved and available for Scholarship funding. There was some discussion. President Barton determined to table this discussion for a later determination.

Additional Committee Reports were given. Dawn Ovesen gave the Program Report, noting the total submission received to date and the number for SEA. President Barton noted the available Membership Award for 25-55 year criteria and that she will be sending this information to STO to be posted. Lindsey New gave the Benefits update, noting a new discount for Holiday World is available and informed the group that the only in state benefit from last year that has not been renewed yet is the Cincinnati Reds. Coy Higdon reported on NAFEC noting SEA membership is at 422 with KY being 29. Lindsey New gave the Publicity report naming winners of the March Madness game with Gidget Cropper in 1st place, Jennifer Farmer in 2nd place, and Patricia Estes in 3rd place.

Kenni Crane gave the Legislative Report and update. He discussed recent member notification that has been sent for making congressional contact with KY Representatives and Senators with white papers for discussion. Copies were given to directors of the notification sent. He discussed contact that had been made with James Comer. He and Dawn discussed contacts made at the Leadership Conference. President Barton encouraged everyone to read the recent NASCOE update sent which includes Executive Order signed by Secretary Purdue. Lindsey New stated she will post KY Legislators to the KASCOE website.

Dawn gave the SEA Rally Update. She discussed speakers that were in attendance which included: Chris Beyerhelm, Steve Peterson, and Brent Orr. She expressed her appreciation for being able to serve as delegate, and shared that while in San Antonio, she announced her candidacy for SEA Alternate.

President Barton discussed the upcoming National Convention scheduled for August 2-5 in St. Charles, Missouri. She stated that she would not be attending this year due to some health issues her husband is having. Motion was made by Karen Evans, seconded by Carla Harper to send Dawn Ovesen and Diane Dunn as KY delegates to 2017 National Convention.

President Barton discussed increasing convention attendance and asked for ideas. She stated that District Director, Donald Dunn, had shared with her that one things their associate does is offer a cash drawing for first time attendees. Everyone agrees this was a good idea. Other ideas, such as a golf scramble and farm tour were mentioned.

This discussion led into discussion concerning hosting 2018 SEA Rally in KY. It was the consensus of the group to not hold a State Convention in 2017, but to put a bid in to hold the 2018 SEA Rally in conjunction with a state convention in Spring 2018 in Lexington. It was confirmed with SEA Executive, David Curtis that no other state has expressed interest in hosing the 2018 Rally. Preliminary plans are as follows: April 11-13, 2018 to be held in Lexington with venues that include Bourbon Trail Tour on Wed (11th) with meeting to be held on Thurs (12th) and Friday (13th) with group tickets for Keenland as an outing on Saturday (14th). Dawn Ovesen volunteered, with help from Runita Rice to begin the planning process and start contacting hotels for arrangements. More confirmed plans will be voted on at a later date.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Runita Rice, second by Karen Evans, with no opposition at

7 pm ET.

Next scheduled meeting: To be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Dana McKinney, Secretary