

**GCPA General Meeting
February 29, 2008
Jekyll Island Beach Club**

9:30 a.m. – Meeting called to order by President Nicole Phillips

Present- Eddie Howard, Nicole Phillips, Jami Hall, Ron Lunk, Brooklynn Parrott, David Johnston, Rickey Walker, Paul Sedor, Kendall Stiles, and the general body

Treasurer's Report-

Eddie stated that we had a grand total of 25,873.37 in the budget. This included money from the conference and money that is currently being held in the CD. Nicole moved that the motion be accepted, Ron seconded, and the general body approved.

Membership Update-

Membership is up 5% from last year's conference. Dave stated that several participants' memberships needed to be updated and that he would be contacting them in the near future. In addition, Dave asked that members keep him updated on their status with email, title, and current institutions.

Professional Development-

Kathy departed early due to illness. Nicole stated to be on the lookout for emails concerning professional development opportunities and check GCPA's website frequently.

Elections-

Tyra departed early with Kathy; however the general body will receive information on the elections shortly after the conference.

Eddie Howard, current President-Elect, took over for Nicole Phillips.

Duel Membership with ACPA-

Eddie opened the floor for discussion with becoming duel members with ACPA. With the duel membership, GCPA will continue to control their funds, and GCPA will have a separate checking account from ACPA. GCPA will have the benefit of getting access to all ACPA members that are in the state of Georgia, and this could help GCPA solicit membership. Mike Fulford stated that there are several other benefits with being connected to a larger organization. ACPA has legal representation, liability coverage, and insurance. Nicole said that her opinion is that we will have more gains if we decide to have duel membership with ACPA. Brooklynn made a motion to partner with ACPA; Jami seconded, and the general body approved by a majority raise of hands.

Bylaw Changes-

Nicole and Eddie will work on bylaw changes. Members must receive this information 30 days in advance via email. Voting will occur after the 30 days.

ACPA Conference-

Both hotels are booked for ACPA. Charlie Bowen and Kathy Alday are looking for GCPA table volunteers and volunteers are still needed for the registration table. Eddie also announced the GCPA reception that is being held in conjunction with UGA. Eddie stated that since the conference is in Georgia that he highly recommends that GCPA has strong representation.

Nicole gave information on the convention showcase on Monday, March 31, 2008 in the Centennial Ballroom. She asked for those interested in volunteering to get in touch with her.

GCPA Conference Updates-

Conference attendees this year totaled 72 – this is up 12 attendees from last year. Brooklynn stated that we should have some revenue at the close of the conference. She also stated that she would be evaluating the conference at the close. Eddie stated that he would like for the Conference Chair to become a permanent position on the board. Further information will come out about this soon.

Volunteer Efforts-

Kendall Stiles, on behalf of GCPA, donated all the books to a local non-profit organization in Glynn County.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jami Hall, Secretary