

GPAC General Meeting
Friday, April 14, 2006
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Agency introductions were completed and the minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

Mark Bender gave a Vice Chair report. Training on Thursday was conducted by Butch Beach. Mark will cover State Certification Standard 5.6 in Friday's training.

Diane Merritt gave an update on TriPAC. Florida was contacted about joining the TriPAC with Georgia and Tennessee. Alabama was contacted regarding their participation. To date, they have not returned the call. Diane will continue trying to get in touch with them.

Cindy Ledford presented the financial report for February and April. She is working on the Audit. The Financial report was approved by the general membership.

John Prince gave an update on the State Certification Program. The next Certification Manager's course is scheduled for 5-16-2006 in Duluth. It is filling up fast. POST credits will be offered for the class. Please let John know if you are an assessor and if you are interested in doing assessments. The assessor pool is low and he needs volunteers. An assessor class will be offered soon, possibly at the summer conference.

Chris Lagerbloom gave an update on the website. Other than one complaint of problems getting to the website, there have been no other problems. The webmaster has been responsive to requests. All other problems seem to have been fixed. Chris is still updating the member roster.

Mark Bender spoke on behalf of outreach to state that the regional meetings are not intended to replace GPAC meetings.

Hospitality did not have a report.

To purchase shirts, pad folios, or pins, please contact Jody Heaton.

Rob Garrett gave an update on File Review. He thanked Chuck Groover for staying to look through files. He appreciated those agencies that bring files for review. Agencies should bring 10-15 folders. An agency wishing to have more than that reviewed will need to let Rob know in advance so he can line up assessors. Lots of files were brought to yesterday's review.

Cedric presented the goals and objectives at the last meeting.

Revised by-laws were posted on the website. Rob Garrett recapped the changes: verbiage changes, formalized process for selecting the Chair, and the amount of dues

were set in the by-laws (\$50). The revised by-laws were approved by the general membership.

The June meeting was discussed. The room rates have gone up to \$149 for an ocean side room and #129 for a parking lot view room. The conference center is charging \$75 for the conference room for both days. There are other hotels in Savannah that offer government rates. The membership voted to keep the June meeting in Tybee in light of the room rate increases. Chris Case will handle the contracts with the hotel on behalf of GPAC.

Drew Marchetta discussed mock issues. There are two consistent issues with Mocks:

1. Getting assessors
2. Agencies are not prepared.

The same pool of assessors are constantly being called to assist with Mocks. It is getting harder and harder to find assessors for Mocks. Currently Waycross is looking for a mock, but no one will agree to do it. Chris Lagerbloom has agreed to lead Garden City's mock.

Basically for the cost of travel expenses for 3 assessors, an agency is getting 75 man hours at no charge.

Drew Marchetta presented 4 solutions to the mock problem:

1. Continue as is.
2. The Mock Coordinator (or designee) can review 10-15 files for an agency prior to the mock to ensure the agency is ready for the mock.
3. The Mock Coordinator will set up a mock for the initial Accreditation for new agencies and all other agencies will set up their own mocks.
4. Everybody sets up their own mocks.

There was a lot of discussion about all four solutions. Drew Marchetta made a motion to select one of the four options. The motion was tabled so the Board can review the current situation and study the problem.

Drew Marchetta then moved that mocks be suspended for 60 days. The motion passed. Agencies are free to set up their own mocks but the mock coordinator will not schedule mocks for the next 60 days.

The meeting adjourned.