

# Spring 1999

Couer d'Alene, Idaho

April 20, 1999

Chair Brian Farmer called the meeting to order April 20, 1999, at 8:20 a.m. There were approximately 52 members in attendance. Carol Quintana moved that the November 1998 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Norma Ledesma and passed by those in attendance.

## Regional Elections

Brian Farmer informed the members that there would be a call for nominations this year for two positions: Treasurer-Secretary (vice-Fredenberg) and Member-At-Large (vice-McCrostie). Brian asked for a volunteer to participate in this nomination process. Debra Barnes Murphy agreed to do so. This commitment will involve sending out nomination forms and descriptions. Brian encouraged members to feel free to nominate themselves. Winnie Ennenga asked if folks could be renominated. This can occur, but Brian stated that it would be best to encourage others to become involved.

## Travel Award

There currently is no committee and the region needs to create one. Region VII covers the registration fee to the national meeting. Karen McCrostie agreed to chair this committee

## Regional Website

Denise Wallen agreed to maintain the website at New Mexico. Brian would >like to establish a web oversight committee; will have the executive committee do that and he asked folks to talk with him about participation.

## Executive Committee Report

Brian, as chair, sits on this committee. The Executive Committee recently met in New Orleans to discuss strategic planning initiatives. This committee is representing some changes in structure -- possibly more ad hoc committees and fewer standing committees. Such changes will assist in allowing a forum for folks to get more involved.

The National Organization (NO) cannot force regions to do anything they don't want to do. For example, the recommendation was made that only >financial-type individuals be nominated to serve as the treasurer. However, Regions V & VII have smaller treasuries and have not had a problem with a non-financial person serving in these capacities

## PDC No report

## Membership Committee

Debra Barnes Murphy gave Janie Morales-Castro's report. This committee is tabling its plans for a

traditional survey. Rather, the committee is exploring the attendance of meetings and how to best address diversity. Similarly, work for the national meeting is underway in respect to organizing the dinner groups and other national membership events.

#### Program Committee

Jean Humphries spoke to the preliminary program for the November national meeting, held November 7-19, 1999, which will soon be posted on the national web site. The theme for the national meeting will be "Charting a Course for the 21st Century." Approximately 55 concurrent sessions, 41 discussion groups, and 8 special focus sessions are planned. Mark Russell, a one-man band with a grand piano, will be the entertainment. Judy Fredenberg gave an update on the workshops scheduled for the National meeting in November. The workshop slate has been completely retooled. There will be 22 half-day workshops held and 4 agency tours.

#### ERA Committee

Jean Humphries said that the program for ERA IV will be posted soon and Jean encourage folks to sign up early for the ERA events. ERA IV will be held August 5-7 and will be preceded by EARS August 4 at Emory. Other ERA activities include continued work on the cookbook and there will be an article about the cookbook in the April/May issue of the newsletter.

#### Treasurer's Report

Judy Fredenberg indicated that the ending balance as of February 28, 1999, was \$18,228.07.

#### Region VI/VII Meeting 2000

The regional meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington, next April. The specific site negotiation is still underway. Brian requested volunteers for the program committee and Winnie Ennega and Bo Bogdanski both expressed interest. There will be some email discussions over the summer.

At 8:55, Dianne Horrocks moved the meeting be adjourned. This motion was seconded by Janeen Rees, at which time the business meeting officially ended and Region VII folks joined those in Region VI for a report by NCURA President Cheryl-Lee Howard regarding strategic planning.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Fredenberg Secretary/Treasurer