

Southern Region Extension & Research Support Staff Association (SRERSSA)
Board Meeting Condensed Minutes
January 16, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Via LiveMeeting over the computer

Present: Mary Baronet-LA, Tammy Morton-SC, Sally Tanner-KY, Tracy E. Brown-NC, Glenda Jenkins-MS, Debra Davis-LA (advisor)

Meeting called to order by President Mary Baronet at 10:10 a.m.

An update on the finances from the November meeting was given. Total income from the meeting was \$65,843.75. Of that \$11,550 were donations, \$52,752.25 was registration fees, sales of the commemorative items \$1,441.50, vendors \$100.00. Expenses were \$9.94 for checks, commemorative items purchase \$3,327.20, conference planner (All in one destinations) \$59,810.00, decorating committee \$1,365.88, another charge for \$100.00 for taxes. Total expenses \$64,613.02. Balance in account \$1230.73.

I'm not going to follow the agenda that was sent because there are other items that should be discussed first. Namely the issues of Chi Epsilon Sigma and SRERSSA. We need to come to a consensus as to how we are going to move forward. Chi Epsilon Sigma wants the SRERSSA states to join Chi Epsilon Sigma. Administrators of the Chi Epsilon Sigma states don't want to change to SRERSSA. We need to come to some sort of a compromise or decision as to how we will proceed. We all have the same goal for professional development for our organizations. How can we accomplish this and each state retain the identity they currently hold? Discussion was opened up to the floor for comments and/or suggestions.

We have a proposal that we continue with joint meeting between SRERSSA and Chi Epsilon Sigma. But vote was unanimous nos to postpone the meeting for this year.

We discussed the different state associations and decided that for the next year each of us will work on our individual state associations/chapters in growing the membership. As president I will continue to put the SRERSSA concept out there for the southern region. Chi Epsilon Sigma will also work on forming associations in individual states. The next decision made was that we would not hold a meeting in Louisiana this year due to budget constraints. We will go to an every other year meeting at this time. That will be put in the form of an amendment to the by-laws that the SRERSSA/CHI meeting will be held every other year.

Decision was made to revise the by-laws to change the term of the officers from one year to two. Voting on amendment would be done via email.

After much discussion it was decided that dues would be \$10 and sent in on an individual basis. You would not have to be a member of a state association (some states don't have associations) or CHI chapter to be a part of SRERSSA. A form will be developed for getting these sent in to the treasurer of SRERSSA.

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Overall decision was made to table the name change at this time, dues would be \$10 for members, meeting for this year would be cancelled due to budget constraints and that changes to by-laws would be made.

These minutes have been condensed to save space. Full transcript of recorded meeting is available from Tammy Morton (tmrtn@clermson.edu).

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy P. Morton
Recording Secretary

Approved