

South Central Region EGA

2021 Mid-Year Meeting

March 13, 2021

The Mid Year Meeting was held by Zoom due to COVID-19. In addition, the meeting was re-scheduled from February 20, 2021 to March 13, 2021 due to a major snowstorm which affected the South Central Region.

Region Director, Sandra Harwell called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. She explained Zoom etiquette for the attendees.

Introductions

In attendance: Sandra Harwell, Valorie Russell, Debbie Osborne, Sherri Hagar, Mary Waldsmith, Michelle Renee', Sherri Seville, Beth Newton, Linda Walker, Judy McGraw, Shawn Miller, Paula Millhollon, Jane Major, Sandy Crow, and LuLu Martin. Natalie England, Pat Fisher, Su Doe, Kathy Fielder, Bobbi Norris, Joan Vanderbrink, Kathye Davis, Pat Cooley, Gloria Riley, and Deborah Overath.

Guests: Melanie Norton (Treasurer-elect), JoAnn Jackson (President-DNTG), Mary Lord (Greater Dallas), Pat Sweet (SANG), Karen Hamilton (Greater Dallas), Lynette Crosby (Ft. Worth).

Secretary, Debbie Osborne – Quorum was verified. A minor correction to the minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting was identified. A motion was made by Deb Overath, 2nd by Judy McGraw to accept the minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting as corrected. **Motion carried.**

Officer/Committee Chair Reports

Region Director – Sandra Harwell

National Board Report – March 2020: Report stands.

- The South Central Region sponsored 4 GCCs in 2020.

Report from National Board Meetings held September 2020: Report stands.

Assistant Region Director – Valorie Russell: No report.

Treasurer – Sherri Hagar: Report stands.

- Seminar 2021 repaid their loan.
- Checking account balance is currently at \$37, 084.14
- Budget cuts for 2021 are: education reimbursement reset to \$300 with a bonus for chapters with over 60 members reset to \$150, and outreach reimbursement reduced to \$300
- Deb Overath asked how much money South Central Region needs in their account to cover bills. Sherri Hagar replied that South Central Region tried to keep enough money to cover several years of bills.
- Shawn Miller asked how many chapters took advantage of the education and outreach reimbursements. Sherri Hagar replied that 3 chapters availed themselves of the outreach reimbursements.

Education – Mary Waldsmith: Report stands.

GCC's – Beth Newton: Report stands.

- At this time, Shimmering Dreams by Mona Hill has made.

Bylaws – Michelle Renee': Report stands.

Communications – Sherri Seville: Report stands.

- Region Representatives should have their members check to make sure they are receiving *Stitches*. If they are not, they should make sure that Sherri Seville has their correct email address.

Heart and Hand Award – Denise Hall: Report stands.

- Sherri Seville will send out an email blast about nominations.
- Judy McGraw asked if a chapter could have more than 1 nominee. The answer is no—only 1 is allowed.

Historian – Pat Lufholm: No report.

Membership – Linda Walker: Report stands.

- Beth Newton noted that the GCCs cannot begin until dues are paid.

Outreach – Judy McGraw: Report stands.

- Chapters are not reporting their outreach to Judy—perhaps a form should be sent to chapters requesting that information.

Seminar Mentor – Shawn Miller: Report stands.

- Seminar 2021 is a go for in-person. Please note that classes will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Special Events – Gretchen Reilly: Report stands.

Ways & Means – Paula Millhollon: Report stands.

- Chapters can email Paula Millhollon with the number of tickets needed and Paula will mail them.
- Bobbi Norris asked if a chapter wins the seminar ticket, is the full \$1500 split amongst the members attending the seminar. Paula Millhollon stated yes but the payment for the seminar ticket must come from the chapter, not individuals.

Webmaster – Jane Major: Report stands.

Seminar 2021 – Sandy Crow: Report stands.

Seminar 2022 – LuLu Martin: Report stands.

- Correction to report: registration begins June 1 not July 1.
- Virtual classes are also being offered and are different than those being offered at the seminar. Lulu Martin also stated that you do not have to be registered for the 2022 seminar to attend the virtual classes.

Seminar 2023 – Linda Walker: Report stands.

- Logo is being sent to National for approval.

Unfinished Business

Officer Training:

- South Central Region is looking for a place to hold the training.

Chairman for SCR Seminar 2024 and National Seminar 2025:

- Nominating has been formed: Michelle Renee', Lois Alpert, Debbie Osborne

New Business

Seminar Cancellation Policy:

- See Bylaws report for details.
- Lulu Martin stated that EGA has a new teacher contract which has an in-person teaching section and a virtual teaching section.

Change to SCR Group Correspondence Course Policy:

- See Bylaws report for details.

Slate of Officers:

- The slate of officers has been emailed to all Region Representatives and Executive Committee Members. The vote will be held by email on April 7, 2021

Announcements

- Workshop immediately follows the end of this meeting.

Next Meetings:

- Annual Meeting – Austin Seminar, Sheraton Austin Georgetown, Georgetown Texas, Wednesday, June 2, 2021; 12:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned by **Sandra Harwell** at 11:09 AM