

**WETA Board Meeting
Minutes
October 12, 2007**

ATTENDING

Arrionne Beecroft, Art Beese, Carol Burgett, Jon Danforth, Marlene Duffield, Kathryn Enerson (Guest), Robert Evans, Roger Gantzarow, Pat Langreck, Mary Ratz, Angel Rivera, David Skattum, Monica Snittler, Tony Veeder, and Joy Wiggert

Meeting called to order at 12:35 p.m.

CONFERENCE DEBRIEFING

What Went Right

- ◆ Total registration was 86 with only two cancellations.
- ◆ Luncheon served on Thursday was over 100.
- ◆ Great variety.
- ◆ Pretty “glowing” reviews.
- ◆ Workshops were right on target.
- ◆ Dennis Winters workshop was good during the keynote.
- ◆ Good comments about the Pre-Intensive. All presenters were informative and energetic.
- ◆ Refugee Workshop was great.
- ◆ Bob Evans did a good job in his workshop.
- ◆ Audience stuck around on Friday. Famous Dave was definitely a factor.
- ◆ Holiday Inn was a good facility as well as the Holiday Inn Express. Rooms were good size and clean. No comments on the pool. Workout room was good.
- ◆ Meals were satisfying and filling.
- ◆ OWN Outstanding Older Worker/Employer Award luncheon wasn’t too long and people stayed to listen.
- ◆ Wait staff did a great job serving people. Tony did speak to Paula and commented on their performance.
- ◆ Excellent display of old workforce handbooks, DOT book dated 1938, letters on Manpower Test, etc. Display was provided by Angel Rivera and a presentation given at the IAWP Reception.
- ◆ Lots of good positive feedback from people leaving the conference. Thought it was very good.

What Went Wrong and What Can We Do Better

- ◆ New Hope Horizons Workshops could have gone into a Pre-Conference easily.
- ◆ Multi-generational Workshop had a disruptive participant.
- ◆ Only a/v problem was the Les Mirkin Workshop. Workshop did well in spite of the problem. Had trouble with some LCDs.

- ◆ Breakfast buffet was a bit cold—didn't stay warm.
- ◆ Didn't like having corn with the pasta—too much starch.
- ◆ A couple rooms did not have their beds made and some did not have fresh towels—Holiday Inn is a “green” hotel.
- ◆ Only had a couple people from NWSEP and lost some participants because of Nanette Vetch's going away party.

SUGGESTIONS/OTHER

- ◆ Bob Covey, DVR would help with advertisement next year.
- ◆ Need another speaker like Dave Anderson.
- ◆ Need to do something for Lynelle who helped extensively with a/v equipment, Ana Rivera for her time and effort in helping with conference functions, and Juanita Harbort for taking photos.
- ◆ Send thank you cards to Sentry Insurance for supporting the conference, and to Sally Cutler and Jim Erlenborn.
- ◆ Suggestions for conference next year. Checking on Blue Harbor, Sheboygan for dates of availability. Other considerations would be The Osthoff Resort and Conference Center, Elkhart Lake; Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells; and check into locations in Milwaukee.
- ◆ Need to get Department of Correction and Division of Voc Rehab. more involved with next year's conference.
- ◆ Need to be sure that W-2 agencies are notified of the agenda in a timely manner. Some thought they may have received the conference information too late.
- ◆ WETA award ceremony—both Roger Gantzarow and Lynda Fischer speechless at winning awards.
- ◆ Angel extended gratitude to board members for receiving many emails and cards from his father's passing.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Arrionne motioned to table rest of meeting. Next meeting will take place in December 2007. Arrionne will contact board members of the date which will be either the first or second week in December.

Tony Veeder moved to adjourn. Mary Ratz seconded with no further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Monica Snittler, Secretary