Notes from 2011 LGAA Board Retreat

July 11th, 2011. Gator Bill Residence

Present: Mason Alley, Linda Bennett, Erica Castano, Dave Hendryx, Peter Johnson, Lindsay Krieg, Emilee MacDonald, Kim Mitrook, Steve Sheppard, Nikki Wagner, Kent Walker, David Welch, Brite Whitaker, Bryan Williams, Pete Zimek, Andrew Rocco

**Why:**

Diversity of Talent in LGAA

Resources

Connection

Opportunity

Make a difference

**How:**

**Feedback on bylaws:**

Lindsay Krieg- is there a process on joining the board? Term limits?

Emilee MacDonald- Odd how we determine slate? More transparency…

Linda Bennent- more communication to current LG class about what LGAA is. Possibly starting three months before graduation? Contact dean of class to provide a few names of people that might be good in a leadership role? Bylaws state that three people from most recent class have to be on LGAA board.

Mason Alley- Class of 37, picked four advisors to sit on each one of the committees. They then report back to their class on happenings of LGAA. Their class president acts as the “organizer” of getting people to serve on committees.

Andrew Rocco- Importance of pulling a “diverse” group of people to LGAA.

**Board Requirements:**

Pete Zimek- Should board be required to serve on a committee or council?

All- Don’t make a requirement, but highly encouraged to serve on a committee/council. Board should have authority to vote member off board if board member is not participating on committee level and/or council.

**Board Development:**

Pete Z.- Annual slate, choose your officers. Current board member nominates LGAA and acts as an advocate for that member. This gives a one month “cooling” period for board to research and vote at the next meeting. For board members that their two year team is up, the board can offer a “recommitment form” to that board member to make sure they still want to be involved on the board.

**Themed Board Meetings:**

Pete Zimek- Discussion on themed meetings, go through our regular meeting and then focus on one subject. Subjects such as kids start, membership, by laws.

Steve Shepard- How about a consent agenda?

Lindsay K- Concerned with not feeling involved by going to consent agenda.

Pete Z- Table subject for executive committee.

**What:**

Pete Z: Establish Goals for Councils/Committees

Emilee MacDonald: Big Goals for Membership and Communications Council-

1. Continue to increase membership and get people involved.
2. Engage members once they renew/join. Example: Community action, socials, committees.
3. Document using wild apricot. (minutes, email, documentation in the system, newsletter)

Pete Johnson- Engage members and possible members with member only event. Possibly a social following a UF Accent speaker that LGAA could sponsor.

Pete Zimek- Task committee to produce goal of total members and current list by August board meeting.

Socials: Lindsay K- include social on same day as LG class. Once a quarter after a current LG class session. Maybe 2 of the 4 include current LG class.

Mason Alley- Better communicates what we do, why LGAA is around?

Development a standard newsletter that tells new members history of the organization.

One event centered around leadership development.

Monthly newsletter and/or upcoming email blast regarding upcoming events.

Community Relations Council

Big Goals for the year.

1. Incubator for helping new class projects- define LGAA role as incubator and how can help.
2. Meeting minutes and putting them online

LGAA’s goal is to establish and fair and informed process.

Mason A- LG 37 is relying on LGAA to act as incubator for their class project. His class is looking for a historical perspective and moderation from LGAA. Info such as “What is Tiger Bay”

Pete Johnson- LGAA’s grant process is great. Find innovation ideas and go support it.

LGAA Goal is to better promote grant program.

LGAA goal is to give away $3300 in scholarship, leave it up to committee to ration money. 2011 we gave away 3 full scholarships.

Community Action Council:

Big Goals:

1. Four Power Lunches
2. Two Tiger Bay events (aka Gatorbay)
3. Make events Innovative, Interesting, Valuable for members.

Gator Bill- Kids Start is class project 22. Way to help kids going from pre-k to Kindergarten. Such as supplies, immunizations, clothing, etc. 450-500 kids in Alachua County. Invite kids by invitation to one day event to get at risk kids at more of a level playing field with other kids. Budget usually $1800. Kiwanis’s club and Rotary usually big supporters. Need 10-12 volunteers. Board members can support by coming day of or donating. Date- August 13th, 10am-noon. Held at SFC gym.

LGAA Goal- more board involvement.