



Minutes of the Chapter Meeting

EWI of Memphis

August 18, 2011

Call to Order

The August EWI of Memphis Chapter Business Meeting/Firm Night was called to order at 6:00 pm at the University Club of Memphis by President Kristi Richardson (FedEx Services).

Roll Call – Welby Stamps, Secretary (Metropolitan Bank)

In attendance were: 25 active reps, 2 sustaining members, 3 guests, 1 life member for a total of 31 attendees.

Invocation

Peachie Bailey gave the invocation.

Program

Program Director, Jane Bratton (Smith & Nephew) introduced the Speaker, EWI member Lori Cothron with Rodan and Fields Dermatologists. Lori gave a presentation on her firm, including tips on proper skin care.

Minutes

The July Chapter and Board minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report

The July financial report was posted to the website and will be filed for audit.

2011 – 2012 Slate of Officers and Directors

Nominees for the positions of Officers and Directors were solicited from the membership by the Nominating Committee via email in accordance to the Chapter Bylaws.

At the June 16 Chapter Meeting, Nominating Committee Chair Martye Slayton (Kemmons Wilson Cos.) presented the Committee's Report for Officers and Directors for the 2011-2012 year.

Further, at the June 16 Chapter Meeting, the Chair requested nominations from the floor. There were no nominations.

Vote on New Board Members

Those nominated for Board positions are as follows:

Barbara Taylor (FedEx Express) – VP/President-Elect

VACANT – Secretary

Cindy Lynch (Medtronic) – Treasurer

Deborah Vaughn (Lonesource) – Sergeant-at-Arms

Paige Perkins (Memphis Grizzlies) – Program Director

Janice Toshach (BancorpSouth) – Fundraising Director

Jane Bratton (Smith & Nephew) – Membership Director

Krissie Heuer (Business Equipment Center) – Communications Director

Jennifer Thornton (FedEx Corporation) – BCDP Director

Jackie Hicks (Hicks Convention Services) – President

The Nominating Committee Chair has advised that the position of Secretary remains open at this time.

The Chapter approved the nominations to the Board as presented.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Three Corporate and Chapter Bylaws changes were provided to the Chapter by email. Hard copies were also made available to the Chapter members and voted on audibly. Bylaws Chair, Peachie Bailey, reviewed these Amendments in detail and recommended approval of each proposed change.

The first proposed Amendment was submitted by the Memphis Chapter regarding removal of the non-compete verbiage. The Chapter voted in approval of the proposed amendment.

The 2nd proposed Amendment was submitted by EWI of Detroit-Windsor regarding the removal of limiting the number of member firm representatives. The Chapter voted in approval of the proposed amendment.

The 3rd proposed Amendment was submitted by the Corporate Board regarding Chapter Dissolution. The Chapter voted in approval of the proposed amendment.

Discussion of Proposed Corporate & BCDP Budgets

The Chapter received copies of the 2011-2012 Proposed Corporate Operating Budget and BCDP Budget. Budget Chair, Henri Vaskin (Deloitte), reviewed the budgets and recommended approval of both budgets. The Chapter voted in approval of the proposed budgets.

LCAM Delegates/Alternates

Delegates, Jackie Hicks and Kristi Richardson, will be voting on all three of these amendments at LCAM on September 24. The Delegates are responsible for representing the Chapter's opinions on each item. The Chapter was asked to vote on how to send the Delegates/Alternates to LCAM.

A motion was made by Martye Slayton to send the delegates "informed and uninstructed." It was seconded by Cissie Pryor (Living Health Day Spa). A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Announcements

- The Board opted to give Third Quarter written reports in lieu of verbal reports. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of these reports, please email Secretary, Welby Stamps.
- Deadline for the September EWIconnect is August 26. Please send any items to Director Cindy Lynch prior to that date.
- Golf Tournament is three weeks away. The Last Committee Meeting is Saturday, August 27, at 8:30am at KWC. We still need teams, tee signs, and door prizes.
- There has been a date change for the September Joint Board meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, September 7, at KWC at 5:30 pm. Martye Slayton will hostess.
- The next Chapter meeting will be held on September 15 at Al Chymia Shrine Center where the new Board of Directors will be installed. Harold Byrd will be speaking.

Appreciation

- Special thanks to the University Club and its staff for a wonderful dinner and excellent service.
- Special thank you to Lori Cothron with Rodan and Field Dermatologists.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 am.