

**AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER
CEC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2016**

A roll call was taken and a quorum was met at 11:40AM, at which time the President called the meeting to order. Those attending were Adriane, Chanel, CJ, Crystal, Eddie, Frank, Hugh, Kas, Matt, Raul & Rick. Those CEC members absent were Elaine, Janet, Jolanta, Lorraine, Sandra, Sophia & Thomas.

The President made a motion to approve/ratify the February 2016 meeting minutes. It was seconded by Rick, after which a discussion commenced resulting in a modest change (regarding by-laws mention in the March 2016 newsletter). The President amended his motion to include the suggested change (deletion of by-law mention in newsletter). The amended motion was seconded and ratified.

The President went over the proposed by-laws. After much discussion and mark-ups, the President made a motion to accept the revised bylaws. The motion stated that Rick would provide the by-laws (as revised) to Crystal who would distribute to members (via email) by March 15th. Members will be instructed to vote by March 31. Motion was seconded and ratified.

The President briefly mentioned the CEC member position vacancies (Social Media & President-Elect). There was a brief presentation by RVP (Matt). The President mentioned co-sponsor initiatives to which CJ and Adriane provided comment. The discussion turned to the scholarships (hotel and registration) for the upcoming SLM and National PDT. Crystal and Hugh will be representing Chapter at SLM. There was extensive discussion regarding National PDT.

CJ suggested and most agreed that the Chicago Chapter should always send the President and three CEC members (as Chapter funds are available). The President-Elect and a member of the Program and Education Committee should attend to scout speakers for Chapter PDT. She further suggested that these positions should be fully funded (hotel and registration) through a combination of National scholarships and Chapter scholarships. It was noted that the RVP and Chapter President must attend and that National covers the hotel costs and the Chapter covers the registration costs for these positions. Janet, CJ, Eddie and Rick expressed interest in attending the National PDT and desired that both hotel and registration costs be covered by the Chapter. Those costs would approximate \$ 1500 for each of these additional attendees. It was indicated that this matter will be "tabled and added as "old business" on the next meeting agenda.

The President brought up the status of the NASBA certification. Frank indicated that he and CJ are working on classification considerations related to the Chapter PDT. Frank committed to providing a status at the April CEC meeting.

The President called upon the various committee chairpersons to provide status. Regarding membership, Adriane mentioned that there are 79 members up for renewal. CJ mentioned that volunteers were needed for upcoming events. Rick went over "Platinum" status. Eddie and Kas talked about community events and marketing efforts. Raul indicated that various governmental units were recognizing March as "CGFM" month. Crystal briefly mentioned website initiatives.

There was no old or new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.50