

**ACHE Great Plains Region
Business Meeting at Embassy Suites Hotel, Norman, OK
February 13, 2009**

20 attendees: Paula Hogard, Charlee Lanis, Davida Mahoney, Nancy Thomason, Susan Carrigan, Julie Weathers, Steve Mills, Jerry Jerman, Rick Osborn, Tom Walker, Karen Garver, Mary Weddle, Marthann Schulte, Roxanne Gonzales, Jim Pappas, Socorro Crisolo, Michael Wilson, Rick Wetherill, Robin Plumb, Melba Acheson. All attendees signed in.

Paula Hogard presented minutes of 11/09/08 business meeting held in Nashville, TN, as submitted by secretary Davida Mahoney. Marthann Schulte moved to accept and Tom Walker seconded; all approved.

Melba Acheson presented treasurer's report dated 02/09/09 (amended), for period of 01/31/08 – 10/31/08. She will add expenses for the 2009 conference as soon as available. Marthann moved to accept and Robin Plumb seconded; all approved.

Paula explained history behind the Claire Fisher Memorial Gavel and then sounded in his honor.

Paula said Melba took over as treasurer three years ago, and has since retired and is ready to resign. Paula thanked Melba on behalf of the region for her service to Great Plains and 20 years as a member of ACHE. Melba said she would stay on to close out financials and hand over to her replacement.

Paula opened floor for nominations for treasurer position. Roxanne Gonzales nominated Marthann be appointed by acclamation and Rick Wetherill seconded; all approved. Marthann accepted appointment as treasurer.

Paula said group needed to begin thinking of host site for 2011 conference; it can tie into national conference theme. She will be asking for ideas.

Tom Walker from University of Missouri at Saint Louis volunteered to host 2011 conference.

There was discussion of changing conference format to one day and altering sequence of sessions, e.g. scheduling business meeting or President's address during luncheon. Or, keeping 1 ½ day format and scheduling business meeting on first day and presentations on second day; may want to promote door prizes so that people remain at conference longer than first day. Paula is going to write up suggestions and send out to members for input.

Marthann thanked all region officers for hosting a wonderful conference.

Paula closed meeting with the Claire Fisher Memorial Gavel.

Submitted by:
Davida M. Mahoney
Secretary, ACHE Great Plains