

# **ACHE MidAtlantic Region Annual Business Meeting Shepherdstown, WV March 25, 2011**

## **Minutes**

MidAtlantic Chair, Tim Sanford, called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

Susan Fouts, Secretary, could not attend, so Tim reported on the MidAtlantic business meeting held in Albuquerque in October at the ACHE national conference. The reviews of the MidAtlantic 2010 spring conference in Natural Bridge, VA were very good, and plans were discussed for the spring 2011 conference. Two travel grants were awarded to MidAtlantic members (Jeffery Alejandro & Tracy Collum) to help them attend the ACHE conference in Albuquerque, and three graduate student scholarships were awarded to graduate students (Allison Burden, ECU, Carolyn Hudson, ECU, & Deanna Thomas, NCSU) enrolled in masters/doctoral programs in MidAtlantic universities. With a modest donation, MidAtlantic was a sponsor of NCAEA and CAP conferences during the year. The MidAtlantic newsletter continued in excellent fashion under editors Jeffery Alejandro, Renee Cook, & Jackie Martin. ACHE president-elect and MidAtlantic member, Tish Szymurski, invited all MidAtlantic members to come to Orlando next fall for the 2011 ACHE national conference. Tish suggested that perhaps the region might wish to help sponsor the conference; Jeffery is one of the conference co-chairs.

MidAtlantic Treasurer, Louise Chagnon, distributed the recent report of the Financial Audit Committee and the 2010 year-end treasurer's report that was sent to ACHE to support their efforts to keep us as a tax-exempt organization. The audit found the accounting records to be in good order and MidAtlantic ended 2010 with a balance of \$6,977.12. Members of the committee were Louise, Linda Linnartz, and Sharon Barnes.

The Nominating Committee was chaired by Past MidAtlantic Chair, Jeffery Alejandro, who was joined by Don Devilbiss and Regis Gilman. Newly elected officers are Renee Cook, Program Chair and Chair-Elect, Frank Congdon, Ass't Program Chair, Esther Powell, NC State Rep, and Judy Stang, MD State Rep. Tim Sanford thanked those who ran for office but were not elected; they insured that MidAtlantic would be well managed regardless of the outcome of the votes.

Jackie Martin made some comments about the newsletter and encouraged everyone to submit ideas for future issues. The next newsletter will probably come out in August. Jackie, Renee, and Jeffery continue as editors.

Tish brought greetings from ACHE and issued a warm invitation for everyone to join their ACHE colleagues in Orlando, FL on October 12-15, 2011. ACHE has received a large number of proposals for the conference so the program will be excellent. Tish also said that ACHE is pursuing collaboration with UPCEA and other professional organizations which will strengthen all organizations. Tish warmed the hearts of all MidAtlantic members when she said that our region is regarded highly by ACHE for all we're doing!

As Chair-elect, Chris Quinn has been participating since October in the monthly conference calls of all ACHE region chairs. He said they have had a number of topics that have been briefly discussed, but increasing membership in ACHE has probably been the most prominent one.

Tim Sanford gave a brief Chair's report and highlighted some of the past year's MidAtlantic activities that have already been mentioned above. He pointed out the attendance at the regional conference was about 25 in 2009, 32 in 2010, and reached 40 this year. This is good growth during tough economic times. Tim particularly thanked Chris and Renee for the wonderful conference in Shepherdstown, and he also thanked Jeffery and Louise for their strong service to MidAtlantic!

Chris Quinn got a lot of applause as he tried to give the Program Chair's Report. He thanked Renee and the many presenters for helping to make the conference a success, and he singled out Holy Family University for their strong financial support of the conference which allowed the costs to be kept low. Holy Family supported the conference in other ways, too, with Honour Moore serving as our keynote speaker and by bringing four staff to the Conference. Longwood University also demonstrated its support by bringing seven staff!

Tim recognized retiring MidAtlantic members, Tom Fisher, Jerry Hickerson, and Norm Loewenthal for their strong support and excellent work over the years. Esther Powell made a special presentation to Jerry since Esther now has to fill the shoes at Winston-Salem State that Jerry has left behind. All received a standing ovation!

New officers and board members as mentioned above were recognized, and Tim congratulated Chris on officially being the new Chair of MidAtlantic. The gavel would have been passed but it continues to be in hiding where no one can find it. Tim thanked Jeffery for serving three years as past chair and head of the nominating committee.

In other business Linda Linnartz commented that new ways need to be found to encourage younger members of the profession to become involved in MidAtlantic and ACHE. There was general agreement, and Jackie commented that the main reason she was involved was the strong encouragement and support of her boss, Tish, at Neumann. All of the "old timers" need to encourage the younger members of their staff to come to an ACHE meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Tim at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by Tim Sanford, 3/28/11.