

# KGA Executive Committee Meeting

April 2, 2004

Abilene, Kansas

**In Attendance:** Marilyn Bahney, Lynn Boitano-Thompson, Judy Dollard, Don Everhart, Deb Hamil, Elizabeth Vrabec, Sandy Wallace, Rose Wilson, John Heinrichs, Cheryl Heinrichs, and Pam Keller.

**1. Welcome** by Marilyn Bahney

Meeting commenced at 1740 at Brookville Hotel, Abilene, KS following the 2004 State Geography Bee.

**2. Approved minutes from previous meeting-** John moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Don seconded the motion.

**3. Additions to agenda**

- Kansas Educational Grant Proposal
- GAIW Coordinator Selection
- Policy Manual – Supplement to the KGA Bylaws

**4. Financial Report – John**

Account	Balance as of 01/15/04	Current Balance 04/01/2004	Change
Operating	48,747.62	41,209.79	-7,537.83
FHSU Endowment	21,233.53	20,573.03	-660.50
Streamshot	6,986.32	6,986.32	0.00
Checking	134.85	134.85	0.00
Petty Cash	21.32	21.32	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,123.64</b>	<b>68,925.31</b>	<b>-8,198.33</b>

**5. Coordinator's Report - John**

- **Report from NGS Grantees' Meeting in Washington, D.C.**  
Focus of this year's meeting was "Funding Raising." Larger alliances are interested in breaking away from NGS.
- **Grosvenor Grant Proposal (Main Street U.S.A.)**  
Don and John submitted the proposal narrative for "MAIN STREET USA" under the alliance name to NGS. If awarded, KGA will manage the monies and render reports to NGS.
- **Meriweather Lewis/Thomas Jefferson Presentation in Hays**  
Clay Jenkinson, an acclaimed humanities scholar presented a portrayal of

Merriweather Lewis and Thomas Jefferson in Hays, KS on February 18 & 19, 2004. KGA members who attended the presentation overwhelmingly expressed an appreciation for the show.

- **Open seat on KGA Executive Committee**

John moved to fill the vacated position left by Richard Kelly with Pam Keller. Motion carried.

- **Teacher Grant Program**

Reminder of Teacher Grant deadline for entries.

- **GA!W Coordinator Selection**

Vicki O'Neal, Baxter Springs has agreed to be the 2004 GA!W Coordinator for the State of Kansas.

- **Kansas Educational Grant**

John authorized and approved a grant application to the Kansas Board of Regents for a \$25,000 grant. Money from the grant will be used to restructure the KGA web-site and to develop enhanced interactive learning activities.

## 6. **Publications Report – Cheryl**

The newsletter will go to the printer in a week. The new KGA brochures are available. Cheryl has a new software program that can produce geography crossword puzzles. Let her know if you need one. Business cards were distributed to the new executive committee members.

## 7. **Resource Center Report – Cheryl**

Go Wild – Take Action! videos are in. Any member wishing a tape, please call Cheryl. Cheryl also has Peace Corp Books (GA!W) in stock.

## 8. **Standing Committee Reports**

- **Professional Development - Deb**

- **Recognition program – “*Passport to Excellence*”**

KGA will begin a new program to recognize members for their volunteerism. *Passport to Excellence* will begin with the Fall 2004 Conference and will be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee at the Fall Conference. Point allocations/designations are subject to interpretation by the PDC committee.

- **Summer Institute 2004**

Work continues on planning and scheduling for the workshop. Institute is limited to ten (10) participants.

- **GEO-Power Workshop Report**

Cost \$700.00. Attendance – 16. Good reviews from attendees. Attendees were generally from small communities and secondary teachers.

Honorarium policy for GEO-Power (Motion by Melanie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn): KGA will provide an honorarium to the presenting coordinator(s) at the rate of \$40.00 per attendee (actual or dropping less than 1 week before workshop) and to be distributed equally among coordinators.

Next GEO-Power Workshop: April 17, 2004 in Wichita, KS. Contact Linda Carlton SS and Sci Director for Wichita School District.

- **2004 TC Grants**

Update cover sheet and guidelines. Contact Deanna Kuder to see if she serve to review grants and coordinate the reviewing team (3 needed). Suggested reviewers Glenda Johnson, Alice King, Darlene Handlin, Deb Bolton, Lou Ann Getz. Should only take one meeting.

- **Retreat**

The committee has penciled in June 22-23, 2004 in Hays for the retreat. Committee members will leave the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> for home.

- **Advanced Summer Institute 2005**

Suggested locales SW U.S.A, Deep South, Rustbelt, Lewis and Clark Route.

- **Membership – Elizabeth**

Continue to work on Mission Statement. Nothing new to report.

- **Communications – Don**

KGA brochures.

- **Public Relations/Fundraising – Sandy**

Look at other state alliances for ideas. Sell items on website (t-shirts, mugs, etc.), apply for additional grants offered by businesses and corporations.

- **Outreach – Judy and Sandy**

Nothing to report.

## 9. Old Business

- **Upcoming events**

- **NCGE Conference**

- NCGE annual conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri October 20 – 24, 2004 at the Downtown Marriott. “Crossroads to Discovery” will be hosted by members of the Kansas and Missouri Geographic Alliances. Don distributed informational brochures to all committee members. Pam Keller and Elizabeth Vrabac will be charged with the Welcome Program for the upcoming conference.

- **Brown vs. BOE**, Topeka, KS on May 17, 2004. President Bush and John Kerry to attend 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

- **Geomobile - John**

- Van is on hold at this time.

- **Kansas Kids’ Atlas – Marilyn**

- Marilyn and Rose met with the Department of Commerce. Suggested bringing in an advertising specialist to help with ideas and layout of activity book. Focus is tourism. A meeting in June has been scheduled.

## 10. New Business

- The following places and dates were selected for 2004-2005.

- April 2, 2004 – Abilene, KS
  - June 23, 2004 – Hays, KS
  - September 11, 2004 – Salina, KS
  - January 15, 2005 – Kansas City, KS

## 11. Adjournment – ~ 2000 hours.