

**Kansas Geographic Alliance**  
**Minutes for Executive Committee**  
**January 15, 2005**  
**Anthony Middle School in Manhattan, Kansas**

In attendance:

Guests: Lynn Stanley, state social studies coordinator, and Don Everhart

Members: Alice King, Sandy Wallace, Pam Keller, Deb Hamil, Judy Dollard,  
Cheryl Everhart, Rosanne Wilson  
John Heinrichs, KGA Coordinator  
Rich Lisichenko, KGA Co-Coordinator  
Cheryl Heinrichs, KGA Resource Center & Publications

Absent: Melanie Campbell (new member)

**WELCOME**

John H. welcomed Lynn Stanley, the state social studies coordinator. It was announced that Ellen Hansen from Emporia State University might be able to join us later in the meeting. Also, new members Alice King and Cheryl Everhart were recognized.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from November 10, 2004, were perused. Don Everhart moved to add an addendum recognizing the new officers, Sandy Wallace, President; Rosanne Wilson, secretary; and the three new members who were Cheryl Everhart, Alice King, and Melanie Campbell. The motion seconded. Motion to amend the minutes was passed.

**AGENDA**

John H. added some additions to the agenda. We should consider the stipend for hosts of GeoPower workshops and for the GAW coordinator as well as dates/locations for future GeoPower workshops.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

John H. gave the coordinator's report. He passed out the annual report and highlighted the following features: membership growth rate of 5.7 %, pictures of 2004 SGI and Nicodemus weekend, the number of "hits" on the KGA's website 2003-2004 increased by 83 % from the previous year, the number of free items provided to teachers (increase of 700%), expenses for outreach was greater than administrative expenses, and various details of the budget. John hadn't received a response from NGS.

John H. passed out a sheet, very briefly outlining the Alliance Financial Status as of 1/13/05. It was briefly discussed.

**CO-COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Rich L. announced the Geography Bee is to be Friday, April 1, and that plans are underway for it in Fort Hays University. He will be asking for assistance.

## **RESOURCE CENTER**

Cheryl discussed the Resource Center. The National Geographic Explorer has attracted a terrific response. A list of recipients was distributed. She showed us an example and asked if anyone has any extras, she would like to have them. In a motion, John moved that for the upcoming year, requests for classroom use of the magazine should be honored for only TCs with the exception of Rejeannia West. Seconded. During discussion it was suggested that the teacher who received the magazines could pass them along to other teachers. Question called. Voted. Motion passed.

Cheryl showed an example of a spreadsheet incorporating lessons prepared by TCs. She is preparing to put them online. She also passed out a handout of the KGA Geography Action Quilt Block Winners.

Randy Perry is the new student assistant for both John and Cheryl.

## **PDC**

She reviewed the committee's decisions for this summer's ASGI.

Requirements for each participant:

- Give a presentation
- Make a lesson plan
- Make a poster
- Be a TC **AND** a classroom teacher
- Obtain principal's signature/verification of job

The information will go out in the next newsletter.

Dates are as follows:

- March 31, applications due
- April 1, go over applications
- April 15, notify those who applied

John H. passed out the trip's agenda and discussed some specifics on the budget—mainly that the cost is high at about \$900 a person. It should also be noted that there are substantial expectations for each participant. It had been approved by the PDC. During Executive Committee discussion, it was asked whether former participants will be allowed to go on the trip. It was also suggested that different regions of the state be represented. College credit will be offered. John H. moved to accept the recommendations of the PDC. Seconded. Passed.

A proposal had been made to have a 2004 summer SGI—departure from earlier planning. Judy spoke to the success of the GeoPower Workshops and the need to follow up with a SGI in order to retain the interests of the GeoPower Workshops participants. Streamshot money may be used. It had been discussed in the PDC meeting and approved by those members. Deb H. moved to have a SGI this summer in June. Seconded. Passed. There was discussion concerning cost of both a SGI and an ASGI for this year and what should be done in future years. Deb H. moved that there be an ASGI every 3<sup>rd</sup> year instead of every 2 years and that during the year of the ASGI there be no GeoPower workshops or SGI. Seconded. During discussion it was declared a workable plan which could be adapted. Motion passed.

There will be a new form of a TC grant in the newsletter. It is streamlined and much simpler. Total amount of money to be awarded will be \$2,500.

Deb outlined requests from Lynn Stanley, the state social studies coordinator. State funding for the annual social studies academy for teachers had been stopped and that Lynn felt it was difficult to drop after it had earned a strong reputation. A new approach for the academy could be joining forces with professional organizations such as KGA. PDC recommended we support the summer academy with a group of presenters/personnel for 1 day during the 4 day event. There's a possibility of need for monetary support as well as individual efforts from the KGA. The academy will be held the last week of July.

The making of a survey for teachers about teaching materials was discussed. It was suggested to incorporate a survey and feedback form in Insights so that teachers could comment about products used/liked. Deb H. moved KGA develop a way for teacher input about social studies materials, a process assuring confidentiality of names be incorporated in it, and a disclaimer be included. Seconded. Passed.

John volunteered to make the survey. Lynn Stanley would like to be a part of making the survey. Lynn wants it to go to ALL Kansas social studies teachers.

John moved to defer the design of the survey to the Outreach Committee. Seconded. During discussion, it was decided that the Executive Committee should be shown the survey before it was given to the state. Motion carried. It was noted that the members of the outreach committee were Judy D., Melanie C., Lynn S., Lynn B., Sandy W., & Rosanne W.

It was announced that the PDC needed new members on it.

#### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Judy D. briefly summarized the successes of 2 GeoPower workshops from last fall. Lynn Boitano hosted 23 participants in Cimarron, Kansas. Mary Beck hosted 9 participants at the Schuler Center in the Auburn Washburn District. Interest had been expressed in the Wichita and Emporia areas. Judy D. and Melanie C. had presented at both day-long, Saturday workshops with hot food lunches.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS/FUNDRAISING**

KGA notepads from the fall conference are available.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Don E. had no report.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Position empty; no report.

Review of the positions on the committees is as follows:

Deb H. said she would stay on PDC.

Sandy W. will remain on Public Relations and Cheryl E. will be her assistant.

Don E. said he'd be a part of Communications. Pam K. and Alice K. will assist.

Alice K. said she'd do Membership. Needed is an updated membership list and more motivation for membership participation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

At the end of this year (August), John H. will be stepping down as coordinator. He moved a committee be created to search for a new coordinator. Seconded. Motion passed. Volunteered committee members were John H., Judy D., & Don E. Melanie C. was nominated. Sandy W., KGA Executive Committee Chairperson, asked Judy to be in charge of the first meeting of the committee.

John H. discussed GeoPower funding. In the past, it had been approved to pay presenters \$40 per participant and that problems had arisen. It was recommended to do the following:

1. Separate checks (for expenditures) to facilitators and to promoters.
2. Host/promoter is to be paid \$5 per participant over \$50 with \$50 to be a minimum Defray costs for plastic ware, food, promotional efforts (KGA will still send out materials.)
3. Presenters will be paid for a meal, traveling and the possibility of lodging for 1 night.  
State rate will be used for meals/lodging.
4. Presenters will receive \$25 an hour; \$250 per presenter.
5. Copying is to be black/white.

Don moved to restructure the stipends for the GeoPower Presenters/Hosts (as presented above). Seconded. Motion passed.

John H. said he would formalize the guidelines.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

John encouraged the KGA participation on the state assessments committee. Lynn Stanley spoke to this. Alice K. and Sandy W. volunteered to be a part of developing questions for the assessment test.

John H. reviewed upcoming circumstances about participation during the weekend at Nicodemus. Last year's student participation was down quite a bit. There is concern about over extending ourselves. It was suggested we scale down from 2 tents to 1 tent. Rich L. moved that next summer's efforts include 1 tent, 1 coordinator, and 3/4 TCs. Seconded. Motion passed.

John spoke about the Kansas Geo Standards. Lynn explained drafts, the need to develop hyperlinked sites, and that there was a need to update materials.

John H. moved to make a new Curriculum/Standards Committee. Seconded. Passed. Cheryl Everhart is already working with social studies standards. Discussion ensued

about membership on this committee. In addition to Cheryl, names suggested were Melanie C., Lynn Boitano, Elizabeth Vrabac, and Alice King.

Upcoming events/dates were suggested/set.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: April 30 in Salina with Pam K. hosting  
"June" SGI from earlier discussion in present meeting

TENTATIVE date for Strategic Planning: Arrive night of June 24<sup>th</sup> in Hays  
Work day of June 25<sup>th</sup> (John will

coordinate)

Fall Conference: September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Executive Committee Meeting to be held night of September 16<sup>th</sup>

A short meeting for the executive committee would be held immediately at end of Fall  
Conference on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Committee Meeting: January 28<sup>th</sup> in Topeka with Rosanne W. hosting

Information concerning these meetings will need to be distributed 2 weeks in advance.

John H. moved to accept these dates. Seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes will try to be sent to all of you within 2-4 weeks.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

4:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Wilson  
January 21, 2005

