

**KRA Board Meeting
Emporia University
June 2, 2006
Minutes**

Members Present: Mike Ahlers, Shiela Golden, Chris Zuercher, Michael Epps, Colleen Etzbach, Wendy Parent

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.

Treasurer's Report

Wendy is currently handling the check book. No one responded to the request for officers that was sent to the membership. The current balance reported from the last bank statement was \$4,600.61. Wendy will serve as the interim treasurer and have all financial information sent to her. Wendy will go to Capitol Bank and change address. She will also notify the change at the National level and research a bookkeeper to handle our finances.

Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. One note was made as to the reference about not talking to Shiela Golden. Wendy did talk to Shiela but had nothing to report as she was going to check with VR and get back with us. Chris made a motion to accept the minutes, Colleen seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Leadership Forum

The VR director has not been hired and it will be awhile before someone is on board. It was mentioned that it was important to have buy-in from state leadership. An anticipated date for the Forum is fall, 2006.

Training

All state training is postponed until a VR director is hired. VR will support KRA training. Suggested topics include: cultural, poverty, specific disabilities, offender workforce development, business trends, prevention. Shiela will come to our meetings and mentioned the possibility of putting a blurb about KRA in the newsletter (June/August).

Region

The regional conference is held September 27th and 28th in Iowa. A listing of other states in our region and their membership is as follows:

Minnesota – 204

Missouri – 102

Iowa – 119

Colorado – 56

North Dakota – 13

South Dakota – 11

Kansas – 61

Montana – 11

Wyoming – 11

It was suggested that we look at other regions and possible collaborations. We could conduct training in Kansas City with Missouri. Wendy will talk with Sara Sundeen about regional activities.

What do we want KRA to be in the future?

One thought was we may just want to do a leadership forum. Another idea was to just ride the waves of other organizations. Events scheduled and on the calendar for this year include:

Social Security Training - September
Regional Conference – September
NRCA Symposium – September
Leadership Forum – October/November
National Conference – November

Wendy will contact the regional representative and chapters to see what others are doing about membership and how they are remaining active.

Social Security Training

Everything is arranged. Chris will send an announcement out in July. There is a possibility of Margaret doing a pre-training telecourse on the basics before the training. The rate was set at \$75 for nonmembers and \$25 for members. Anticipated expenses to be covered are: copying, refreshments, mailing, and interpreters

Student Involvement

A fall mixer was decided to be held to increase student participation with KRA. It is scheduled for September 15th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM. Colleen will organize the event and VR will help. Community providers will be invited. Student scholarships and recruitment will be promoted.

Marketing

It was suggested that a flyer be made to hand out at events and increase the visibility of KRA. Michael will modify an old one for us to use.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7th in Salina.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Parent,
President

