

Central Illinois Human Resources Group (CiHRG)

Board Meeting Minutes

The CiHRG board members and chairpersons met on August 23, 2006 at 3:30 pm at the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce office.

Present: President-Elect – Eric Ferguson
Treasurer – Jonathan Howell
Secretary – Shirley Hicks
Membership Chairperson – Tracey Fairchild
Public Relations – Tammy Hoggatt
Legislative Chairperson – Ron Gremore

Absent: President – Paige Hall
Professional Development Chairperson – Beth Wileaver
Student Affairs – Vacant
Workforce Readiness – Cathy McArthur
Diversity Chairperson – Greg Gonda

President-Elect Eric Ferguson called the meeting to order stating that President Paige Hall was unable to attend. The agenda was distributed and amended to add discussion of the dues structure. The June Board meeting minutes were approved as read. Shirley will forward the minutes to Renee Gabbard for the website update and all Board members.

Committee Reports

Legislative – Ron Gremore

Ron reported that his committee met in June and July. They are preparing letters to reintroduce CiHRG and its' purpose and offer HR expertise to the legislators. They will be meeting next week to finalize them. The committee has a scheduled meeting in September with Doug Whitley, CEO, Illinois Chamber of Commerce to brainstorm on how to partner with the State Chamber to address upcoming issues. He expects to know by the October board meeting what collaboration they have established.

Ron initiated discussion regarding the planned October 17 Luncheon program. He felt was a good opportunity to entice new members. The Board reviewed the handout listing the confirmed panelists and possible additions. The Hawthorne has committed White Oaks 1 & 2 for the luncheon with a seating capacity of 280 people. Discussion about promotion of the meeting included an announcement in the Chamber paper and press release. Tammy Hoggatt will take care of the promotions. A charge of \$15 for guests and non CiHRG members was agreed upon. RSVP's and payment will go through Tammy c/o CiHRG at the Chamber address. Ron requested gift suggestions for the panelists, however, it was agreed to table the item until September due to time

constraints. Ron also asked Eric to arrange for the panelists to be served at their table rather than asking them to go through the buffet line. Eric will talk to the Hawthorne.

Public Relations – Tammy Hoggatt

Tammy announced that she needed the information for the newsletter yesterday. She will send to the Board for edits 8/24 and then forward to Shirley for distribution planned for Saturday, September 2, 2006. Tammy will put a “Save the Date” notice in the September newsletter for the October meeting. Jonathan announced that he will not be attending the October 17th meeting so Tammy will take care of the RSVP’s. Tracey Fairchild will assist at the Registration table.

Professional Development – Beth Wileaver

Beth sent her report to Eric prior to the meeting. She wanted to remind Board members about the EA Conference in October. Walt Baselt will announce the details at the September meeting. We have received approval for CEU’s for the September meeting on the Emerging Workforce. HRCI has made it clear they will not be accepting chapter programs unless prior approval has been completed.

Officer Reports

Treasurer – Jonathan Howell

Jonathan distributed the current financial report. He reported that our FEIN number is still not correct and that Paige was to investigate, however he has not heard from her regarding the status. Eric will follow up with Paige.

President-Elect – Eric Ferguson

Eric reviewed a proposal regarding the Illinois State University Internship program and how CiHRG can facilitate the promotion of internships through our businesses and ISU. Many ideas on how this could be done were discussed and the group decided that Eric would check with the ISU faculty and then forward the materials to Shirley and that she would send an email to the membership.

Parkland has asked to sponsor a meeting. They will be notified of the opportunity to sponsor the next available meeting.

Secretary – Shirley Hicks

Shirley asked about the charges for website changes due to the increased activity with job posting. Jonathan stated we are within projection for the budget and so far was OK for that expenditure.

President – Paige Hall

Absent – No report

Conference – Vacant

No Report

Workforce Readiness – Chair Absent

No report

Student Chapter Affairs – Vacant

No report.

Diversity – Greg Gonda

No report.

Next month's meeting: The next board meeting was scheduled for September 27, 2006. It was discussed to possibly omit some opening items on the agenda due to the continued difficulty getting through all of the business needs and reports in 1 ½ hours.

Submitted by Shirley Hicks, SPHR
CiHRG Secretary