

Meeting minutes from Copper Cannon Restaurant

August 30, 2017 called to order at 6:30pm

In attendance: Vice President/acting President Yoli Brennan; incoming President Sheila Lustigman; Secretary Frances Gallagher; incoming Secretary Lisa Spencer; Communications Coordinator Kay Bradshaw; Treasurer Lori Arcomone; Conference Planner Debra Lanni; Education Coordinator Theresa Adams; Historian Linda Hypes; Ken Lininger; Chapter 5 President Beverly Hunt; Chapter 2 President Patricia Trovillion; Chapter 8 President Steven Wisecup.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss how the Conference is going up to date and to make any suggestions to improve the Conference, which can be further discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

Acting President Yoli Brennen thanked all for their hard work and reiterated that without the help from all of us, the conference would not be running as smooth as it has.

One negative commit regarding the two Crime Scene presentations. The complaint was that the conference is a Property and Evidence Conference, not for Crime Scene Conference.

-due to a scheduling issue from one of the speakers, the two presentations regarding crime scene had to be done back to back. Should this be an issue again, be mindful of the upcoming presentations.

Other issue was while speakers were speaking, members were having side conversations that were very disruptive to those sitting around them.

-disruptive members should be brought to the attention to the Sargent At Arms and they will handle it.

-have the Chapter presidents take attendance after each break

Sound system was not working well for a couple of the speakers

The Ethics presentation was the same presentation for the last two years. The speaker is very good but the information has been the same.

-maybe have the speaker teach other classes

The day seemed very long.

-vendors would be willing to pay more money in order to be given time, 10 minutes or so, to speak about their product. This could be done when they receive their award of appreciation.

-open the vendor room at 8:00am so members can spend a little time with them prior to coming to the class and keep the 8:30 start time.

-do two 30 minute breaks on Tuesday and one 30 minute break on Wednesday to give more time to meet with Vendors.

-have vendors sit with members during vendor lunch

-most of the vendors had to leave early this conference

-do a scavenger hunt with the vendors

New member meeting lacked substance

Chapter Presidents were unable to sit at the end of the tables.

-have the "reserved" signs where the Chapter Presidents are to sit

Chapter meeting location signs were too small and difficult to find

-once the location of a Chapter meeting is known, type up signs for each Chapter, with the meeting location

-have a map of the hotel to show different locations around the hotel with locations where meetings can take place

-provide the map to the Chapter President, as soon as possible so they have time to seek out a location.

Have chapter presidents check in their own chapter members, as well as assist in stuffing that chapter members bag

Executive Board and Chapter Presidents will arrive at 10:00am

Have registration go from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Have smaller class sizes

-would need more speakers

At 7:05pm motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lori Arcomone and seconded by Lisa Spencer.

Minutes were prepared and submitted by Secretary Frances Gallagher

