



Minutes of the 2009 Annual Business Meeting
December 9, 2009
State Employees Credit Union Operations Center
3101 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh

Attendees:

Sarah Smith, Anita McNeil, Tina Pickett, Kim Gillespie, Felicia McLean, Nelse Grundvig, Gloria Butler, Tami Hinton, Jenny Rollins, Dan Thomas, Amy Sawyer, Dennis Igboko, Tish Hagler, Cynthia Bostic, Charlene Shabazz, Pani Tademeti

The North Carolina Society of Certified Public Managers held its annual meeting December 9, 2009 at the State Employees Credit Union operations center located on Wake Forest Road in Raleigh, NC. Felicia McLean coordinated the space, catering and decorations and Jenny Rollins helped with logistics. Current, former and future board members, recent graduates and society members were in attendance. The NCSCPM Membership Committee continued its support for the City of Oaks Rehabilitation Center through collecting donations of toiletries, which are use to create gift baskets for the residents. Canned goods were also collected by the Publications and Public Relations Committee for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

Sarah Smith opened the meeting with a welcome and overview of the day's agenda. Kathleen Parker, the PMP faculty director, provided an update on the PMP program and efforts to update the method of program delivery to a blended on-line and in-person format in the face of severe budget constraints. With only 16 students in the latest PMP program, Ms. Parker discussed various issues that could help boost the program, including: an emphasis on leadership, development, systemic integration, and a focus on public service. She conferred a blended on-line and in-person format as a needed change in delivery modality for the program. Strengthening relationships with UNC-CH, NCSU, NCCU, and other colleges in the area concluded Ms. Parker's presentation. She also reminded the attendees their status earned each of them six hours toward a Masters of Public Administration degree at NCSU.

The Award Ceremony began with Ms. Parker also re-presenting the Askew Award medallion to Mr. Dennis Igboko, who works in the Division of Air Quality at the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The award was originally presented to Mr. Igboko at the American Academy of Certified Public Managers meeting this past September, in Orlando, FL. The NCSCPM arranged to have Mr. Igboko's name engraved on the award and asked Ms. Parker to re-present the award. The Askew Award is presented annual to the PMP student whose project best demonstrates the use of tools and skills presented in the PMP program. Mr. Igboko's 2008 project entitled, "Improvement on the Timeliness of Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS) Report Reviews" has been recognized by DENR for its cost savings and improvements in efficiencies. The 2009 Askew Award Winner was Ms. Meredith Paxton Davis, who is the Caseflow Management Administrator in the Trial Court Administrator's Office in Charlotte. Her project was entitled "Assessment of Services Provided and Level of Convenience to Pro Se Litigants".

Tami Hinton chaired the Margaret J. Bailey award committee in 2009 and was assisted by Ed Burt. She presented a certificate of recognition to Pani Tademeti for being nominated. The 2009 recipient of the Margaret J. Bailey Award was David Osborne, past-president and recently retired from the Division of Prisons. David was recognized for his service to the Society and innovations and professionalism in his 30+ year career in state government. Ms. Cynthia Bostic accepted the award on David's behalf.

Sarah Smith presented outgoing board members with plaques. The outgoing board members were Terry L. Bell, David Osborne, Tina Pickett and Amy Sawyer. Kim Lash Gillespie presented certificates of appreciation to the Membership Committee and Jenny Rollins presented certificates of appreciation to the Program Committee.

Ms. Norma Houston, adjunct faculty at the UNC School of Government, was the featured speaker. The topic of her presentation was ethics and good governance. She led the group in an interactive and fast paced discussion of various characteristics of ethical behavior, using the word *ethical* for a lively description of ethics. Sarah Smith presented Ms. Houston with an NCSCPM mug at the end of the talk and thanked her for traveling from Chapel Hill to speak to the society.

The attendees networked and relaxed over a boxed lunch from the Honey Baked Ham store.