

Sunday, July 29, 2007

The 2007 International Convention & Education Forum was held July 29 – August 1 in Tampa, Florida. The opening business session began at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 29 after the parliamentary briefing. The parade of nations was followed by the inspirational message from Amelia Barclay, CAS. The national anthem was performed by Charles Haugebrook.

The report of registration/credentials and the convention rules and agenda was adopted. The report on the nominations was provided. There were 17 candidates for international office and RTF trustee were presented. International President Chandler and Executive Director Bretthauer both provided reports which are available on the website.

The Distinguished Chapter President awards were presented to several chapters in the Canada District, Great Lakes District, Northwest District, Southeast District and the Northeast District. Special congratulations to Jessie Grove CPS/CAP of the Pennsylvania Division Harrisburg Chapter. I have a copy of the complete list of chapters for those of you who wish to view it.

Monday, July 30, 2007

The keynote speaker on Monday, July 30th, was Robin Crow. Robin's presentation was entitled "Rock Solid Leadership: How anyone, in any Job, can Lead with Enthusiasm, Passion, and Purpose."

The total number of registered attendees on Monday morning was 1,577.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules committee presented their report. Proposed Amendments 1, 2, 3 and 4 passed. Proposed Standing Rule Amendment #1 failed (submitted by the floor, provides additional language about candidate publicity and campaigning restrictions). Copies of these amendments available for your review.

Karen and I both attended the Certification lunch. The keynote speaker was Rebecca Pace. Her presentation was entitled "Talk Is Cheap, Or Is it?" Your ability to communicate messages that are heard, understood and acted upon is key to your success. And the old adage, "talk is cheap" could hold true if others believe you can't clearly say what you mean and more importantly mean what you say. Rebecca described common communication blunders made by leaders and offers alternatives proven to achieve results.

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

The business session on Tuesday included the installation of the new officers and a review of the strategic plan for 2006-2010. I have attached the details for your review.

The Northeast District Director is Marie (Gerry) Brunell CPS/CAP of the Greater New England Division.

- The 2008 convention will be held in New Orleans, LA at the Hilton Riverside on July 27 – 30, 2008.
- The 2009 convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN at the Minneapolis Convention Center July 26 – 29, 2009
- The 2010 convention will be held in Boston, MA at the Hynes Convention Center July 18 – 21, 2010
- The 2011 convention will be held in Montreal Quebec at the Montreal Palais de Congres Convention Center July 24 – 27, 2011
- The 2012 convention will be held in Grapevine, TX at the Gaylord Texan July 22 – 25, 2012
- The 2013 convention will be held in Anaheim, CA at the Anaheim Convention Center July 28 – 31, 2013

There was a second vote for Secretary and Treasurer.

The 2007-2008 International Board is:

- Judy McCoy CPS/CAP, President
- Tia Theriaque CAP, President-Elect
- Barb Horton CAP, Vice President
- Susan K. Shamali CPS/CAP, Secretary
- Mary A. Ramsay-Drow CPS/CAP, Treasurer

The RTF Trustees are:

- Barbara G. Carter CPS/CAP
- Janine Riemersma CPS/CAP
- Linda Cook CPS/CAP
- C. Joyce Hawkins CPS/CAP
- Kathryne A. Hampton CPS/CAP
- And by virtue of their office, Judy McCoy CPS/CAP and Mary A. Ramsay-Drow CPS/CAP

A summary of the progress of the Subcommittee on Strategic Planning was provided during a town hall meeting after the business session. This included a timeline for the implementation of IAAP's "Pathways to Excellence" initiative which will serve as the basis for IAAP's new recognition program. A copy of this report is available.

At the conclusion of the town hall meeting, the afternoon was filled with seminars. Karen and I attended the IAAP Web Community to learn more about the great features that are included so we can start building our chapter's website.

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Wednesday included a full day of seminars and ended with the banquet.

Final registration was 1,614. President McCoy's theme for 2007-2008 is "Forward Moving."

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your delegate for the Presque Isle Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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