



SHPE - Eastern Iowa Professional Chapter

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The Sept 11, 2006 general meeting started at 6:15 PM at Restaurante Casa Las Glorias in Cedar Rapids.

Attendees

Jairo Muñoz, Steven Montgomery, Olga Garay, Catalina Rios-Meyer, Ivan Gonzalez, Cynthia Calzadilla, Marino Herrera, José D. García, Víctor Sierra, Rebecca Nuñez, Joe Giacinto, Fernando Campa.

Minutes:

1. Community Events

- ✓ Amigo Latino of Iowa: About 60 people attended this event with presentations by several community leaders and lawyers. Discussion on Immigration issues (requirements, rights and resources) took place. Our chapter was represented and News 2 and Fox 8 aired the event.
- ✓ Rockwell Collins, Inc. K-12 presentation: This event will take place Tuesday 9/12/06. Some SHPE members working for RC will attend and participate.
- ✓ Red Cross involvement – Cultural Arts Festival and Summit: This event will take place Oct 18-21. We are planning to participate.
- ✓ Blood Drive: The Mobile Blood Bank, operated by the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, can be scheduled for this event. We need to get around 10 donors and find a place where we can meet. Ivan will coordinate and schedule for mid October. We will try to work with NSBE and see if they want to participate.
- ✓ PTDN: September 18, 2006, 6:30-7:30 PM: PTDN “Third Places” - Legion Arts/CSPS: Diversity of Food - Best Pot Luck Ever. Legion Arts | CSPS, 1103 Third St. SE, Cedar Rapids. Join us and bring along some of your favorite food. The diversity of food will match the diversity of our attendees, making this a very special Pot Luck. Marino and Jairo will coordinate.
- ✓ Eastern Iowa Human Resource Association (EIHRA): The State Conference for SHRM (Society for Human Resources Management) hosted by EIHRA is October 4-6th at the Clarion Hotel in Cedar Rapids. Rockwell Collins has sponsored a diversity exhibitors booth at the Conference and Alfred Ramirez will also be there to represent Diversity Focus and area initiatives (in addition to making a keynote speech.) Our Chapter will participate at one of the tables set in the diversity exhibitors booth.

2. Professional SHPE Membership

The roster in www.shpe.org shows only 5 paid members. We will contact national to determine the reason for discrepancies. We know more members have paid their registration. Ivan will develop a list of all chapter members to send to national.

3. Non-for-profit organization application

Catalina is heading this effort. Application was reviewed by the Board with assistance of Victor Sierra last 8/23/06. Some Board members background information was missing.



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This will be updated and the application submitted in early October. There is a cost of \$300 associated with this application.

4. Scholarship Requirements

- ✓ Olga has contacts to communicate with the following High Schools: Jefferson, Kennedy, Metro, Washington, Xavier and Marion.
- ✓ Jairo suggested the following schools be included: City High and West High in Iowa City, West Branch, Prairie, Solon, Lisbon and Mount Vernon.
- ✓ We need to develop fundraising events. Two ideas were proposed for exploration: a dance-a-thon and a long distance road run/walk race (anything between 5K and a marathon). This will be discussed at a future meeting. Jose Garcia will look into talking to Gloria Zmolek and see if we can work together to help the dance-a-thon happen.

5. Student Chapter

The U of I student chapter leadership has lost some impact due to relocation and/or scholar commitments of its members. We need to explore ways of helping revitalize the chapter. Jairo will contact Horacio and Africa to plan some events.

6. Social

- ✓ Catalina reported on the 8-26-06 social at the Lake. There was a good turn out for water skiing, boat riding, food and fun.
- ✓ Marino reported on Arturo's 25th wedding anniversary celebration last Saturday. A well attended event with many of our chapter members present.
- ✓ New events: discussion on Mexico's Independence Day but no agreement on what to do or where to meet.
- ✓ Steve Montgomery will host a birthday gathering on Sept. 22 and everyone is welcome to attend.

7. September birthday celebration: Happy birthday to Ivan and Cynthia.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Next General Meeting: October 9 at 6 PM at Restaurante Casa Las Glorias in Cedar Rapids