



**Mesa LTD Alumni Association
May 2, 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes
Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel**

Call to Order

Mesa LTD Chair Dale Easter called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and welcomed all the alumni attending and introduced several of the prominent attendees.

He asked if anyone wanted to add items from the floor to tonight's meeting agenda and there were none. Dee Kepp made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Amy Ricks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale then presented the May 4, 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes for review and approval. Maria Mancinas made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Dee Kemp seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Mesa LTD Treasurer Nathan Ricks presented two new Mesa LTD financial strategies that were put in place this year. First, \$8,000 was transferred from the Program Checking Account into a 6-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) from October 2007 through March 2008 and at 4.3% interest earned \$173.78. Second, a PayPal account was opened on Mesa LTD's web site (www.mesaltd.org) for alumni to pay their annual dues. Cost for a \$30.00 payment transaction is \$1.17 and the alumni will be given a receipt.

As of 6/30/08, Nathan said the Alumni Account net worth will be \$6,711.56 and the Program Account net worth will be \$8,494.36. The 2007-08 Alumni-only Expenses (7/1/07-6/30/08) with \$1,390.08 received less \$1,343.52 disbursed will have a surplus of \$46.56 ending balance. The 2007-08 Program-only Expenses (7/1/07-6/30/08) with \$17,798.78 received less \$15,014.40 disbursed will have a surplus of \$2,784.38 ending balance.

Dale stated that the program account overage was largely due to the Mesa Chamber businesses sponsoring various class events and he thanked them all for their generosity. Charlie Deaton made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented and Denise Traves seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Report from the Chair

Dale said the 2007-08 Mesa LTD Board of Directors focused on achieving the following this year: filling the annual class with eager graduates; designing the Mesa LTD program to run smoothly and efficiently; and creating a stronger bond with our alumni.

Successes included:

- Had the largest number of class members starting the class this year.
- Created a new and very informative Mesa LTD web site (www.mesaltd.org).
- Generated lots of effort in updating our alumni mailing list.
- Fine tuned some of Mesa LTD's policies and published BOD job descriptions.
- Used caterers for class breakfast, lunch and beverage service to ease burden on Board.

The Board did endeavor to have several alumni open house get-togethers to communicate the program happenings but they were postponed due to lack of RSVP's.

In summary, Dale said the 2007-08 Board of Directors focused on strengthening the Mesa LTD program. In the future, the Board will continue working on enhancing the actual Mesa LTD Class experience and do our best to continue achieving results for Mesa and our community. Mesa LTD has much to be proud of. It is the second oldest Chamber Leadership program west of the Mississippi and we are now approaching having 600 graduates. This outstanding program has been the stepping stone into leadership positions for many of Mesa's community leaders.

Recruitment

Recruitment Chair Kate Ali'varius gave an updated report on the recruitment of candidates for the Class of 2009. Currently 27 applications have been turned in and it is anticipated that 40 interviews will be conducted on May 13, 15 and 17. She said there is still time for alumni to encourage potential candidates to submit an application.

Mesa Chamber of Commerce Remarks

Charlie Deaton, Chamber President & CEO, stated that the Mesa LTD alumni should be very proud of their terrific program and outstanding graduates. He mentioned the 26 years Chamber sponsorship of Mesa LTD, the numerous graduates that have been elected to responsible city and state leadership roles and thanked everyone for their community involvement. He did say that Mesa LTD may be the second oldest leadership program west of the Mississippi but that it still quite young when compared to programs east of the Mississippi.

Responding to inquiries about the Chamber's efforts to establish a 501c3 for Mesa LTD, he stated that much progress has been made in forming the Foundation. The next step is filing the required paperwork with the IRS and we have up to eight months to file. Dina Higgins has volunteered to help with the IRS paperwork filing process. Charlie said the 501c3 will be in place by year end.

2008-09 Mesa LTD Board of Directors Election

Dale presented the following slate of candidates for the 2008-09 Mesa LTD Board of Directors and thanked the Nominating Committee (Laura Hyneman, Chair, Pat Esparza, Kay Henry and Maria Mancinas) for their hard work.

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| Chair | Dale Easter | Current Board | 2011 |
| Chair Elect | Kay Henry | Current Board | 2011 |
| Treasurer | Nathan Ricks | Current Board | 2009 |
| Secretary | Vicki Coe | Current Board | 2011 |
| Past Chair | Maria Mancinas | Current Board | 2010 |
| Co-Curriculum | Laura Hyneman | Current Board | 2009 |
| Co-Curriculum | Dorothy Shupe | Class of 2008 | 2010 |
| Community Liaison | Francisco Ballesteros | Class of 2008 | 2010 |
| Placement | Theresa Jepsen | Class of 2008 | 2010 |
| Program | Linda Sullivan | Current Board | 2011 |
| Publications | Afton Zapata | Class of 2007 | 2010 |
| Recruitment | Kate Ali'varius | Current Board | 2009 |
| Social | Elizabeth Machado | Class of 2008 | 2009 |

Dale asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Theresa Jepsen recommended Jane Falkenstein as a candidate to co-chair the community liaison committee but Jane said she preferred to help out as a committee member rather than chair. Stephen Viramontes said he might be interested in working on a Board committee next year. Sophia Tesch made a motion to accept the slate of candidates as presented. Dee Kemp seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Henry
Mesa LTD Secretary