



**Commission Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

Vice Chairman Kenneth Allen called the Commission Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 12:45pm in the Indiana Room at IUPUI's Conference Center & Hotel.

**Roll Call**

Kenneth Allen, Tim Brown, Shanida Sharp-Byrnes (sitting in for Dr. Bennett), Mark Everson, Tony Kirkland, Mindy Lewis, Virgil Madden, Elijah Neal Jr., Wayne Wellington, Rev. Joe Smith, Lynn Smith, Rep. Dr. Vernon Smith, Sen. Greg Taylor, Adrienne Shields  
**Staff** – James Garrett Jr., Malika Mays

**Prayer**

Rev. Joe Smith

**Adoption of Minutes**

Tony Kirkland made a motion to accept the March 17, 2010 minutes; Rev. Smith second; minutes approved

**Financial Report**

Item tabled – no budget report available

**Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Garrett provided members with a copy of his report for review. Upon his review of the Lumina proposal, he shared his finding of the facts related to the agreement. Members briefly discussed this and expressed their concerns; they would like for Mr. Garrett to hold a meeting with Tina Grid-Iron Smith with the Lumina Foundation to get more clarity on their issues. Mindy asked if something was given to us in writing stating that the document was not approved and was to be destroyed; Dr. Smith suggest he get something in writing to be clear and reference back to if needed. Tim Brown made a motion to table the Lumina findings report until more clarity has been made; Virgil Madden second; vote taken and passed.

Mr. Garrett says that he has prepared a tentative budget for the 2010 State Conference, but is currently waiting on that budget to be approved. He has also prepared sponsorship levels for financial support and a task chart for the planning committee. Says he has a few speakers in mind, and hopes that our budget will accommodate their speaking fees and other costs. Mr. Madden asks if we are ready to host a conference this year; what would be our purpose, goal, and objective for this conference. He feels we should focus on the commission's goals and make a little more progress first before hosting a conference. **Mr. Madden made a motion to postpone this year's state conference; Mark Everson second; votes taken and passed.**

Mr. Garrett informed members that the 2008-2009 annual report has been completed, and once approved by FSSA Communications, will be placed on our website. Members briefly discussed the annual report, their dissatisfaction with the report and its late completion. With the cancellation of

this year's state conference, members feel we should focus a little more on our next annual report. A suggestion was made to breakdown in groups to assist with the structure of the report. Members agreed to modify the timeline in order to have the annual report done and printed by October. Mr. Garrett also informed members that the report will no longer be printed for distribution. According to State statute, we are supposed to electronically send out our annual report. Members questioned why they were not made aware of this, and would like to know who made that decision. Members also expressed their concern in regards to the people that don't have internet access. Dr. Smith says funds are specifically put aside for printing of the annual report. **Adrienne Shields made a motion to table this item to allow her to do some investigation into the concerns and questions. Tony Kirkland second; motion passed.**

Members feel that today's board Retreat went well. They discussed some of the Retreat details and agreed to use the 'age's timeline' chart as a template to assist us with determining our goals, whether they are short or long term.

## **Old Business**

### *Lumina Agreement Review*

Tabled Item

## **New Business**

### *Policy for Purchases from the Donations Account*

Members briefly discussed the issues with this matter; a motion was made by Virgil Madden to allow the commission's Executive Director to order flowers on behalf of the Commission, for no more than \$50, to be deducted from the donations account; properly second by Wayne Wellington; vote taken and passed unanimously.