

## NKBA Meeting March 8, 2010, Presented by Christine Nelson, AKBD

The meeting started at 4:15 and Lisa Trnka was absent.

**Treasurer report:** Tanya brought up for discussion about getting committee members to pre-register for the meetings. Some members are expecting the lower price but not paying until the meeting and want to pay the reduced rate for registering early. The idea of a punch card was introduced for committee members who register early would get a punch on the card and for 4 meetings they would get the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting free.

**Charter Rep:** Curt read list of items for discussion for the year, which each committee should try to accomplish. Ed Nagorsky was disappointed in the turn out at the hearing. He reminded us to bring items we need to bring to New Orleans. Curt also read the entire list of suggestions for items to work on for this year.

**Marketing and Technology Communications:** Lisa Weck mentioned that Lisa Trnka really has lots of changes happening in the committee, particularly the website. Christine mentioned the possibility of working with Margo Ashmore and doing a kitchen and Bath Tour. We still need to do a lot of research to explore this idea. Lisa Weck mentioned we need to consider how to include the outstate members.

**Membership:** "Get Connected" is at the next meeting before the meeting. Galen will be presenting a speech on the benefits of being a member. They still need to RSVP in order to attend the meeting. The mailing is going out this week.

**Government relations:** Galen would like our permission to attend the next MIDLAC meeting. Galen would like to know how he could solicit members for his committee. Carri will help him with a few members that she knows of.

**Programs:** Stephanie mentioned that two topics from The National presenters were of interest polled from the survey that was sent out to members. She also mentioned that the Kohler tour was of great interest and a walking tour of Summit Ave. in St. Paul also is interesting. The Gala looks like it will possibly be held at the St. Paul College club with a great venue and considerable savings cost from last year's location. First Thursday of the month is the committee meeting.

**Professional Development:** The Iowa chapter will be helping judge our competition. Heather is working hard to implement some changes in the competition and judging.

**Academic Relations:** Arlyne mentioned that they just finished the CKD prep course and some of them benefited greatly and it was clear that some also need more practice.

**Strategic Planning:** Carl would like all of us to have our own binders for us to figure out how we are accomplishing our goals. He also wants us to send to him our committee agendas.

**President's Report:** Lisa asked us if everyone had registered for the shuttle for New Orleans. Lisa would like for our chapter should provide at least one meeting out of the Twin Cities to involve our out of the Twin Cities attendance. She also is interested in a student competition. Arlyne will look into possibly an essay contest. Lisa also wanted us to think about ways to gain more sponsorship. Lisa was interested in knowing if we are going to have another Table Top event, which we will not be doing this year. Lisa feels we should look into some presentation at the Midwest Home show.

The meeting was adjourned at 6PM.