

2009 Land of Lincoln PETS
February 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. in the Illinois Room, Crown Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL.

Present were: Rod Buffington D6460, Elise Cadigan D6420, Jim Czerewionka D6450, William Ferreira D6440, Wayne Gerlock D6510, Harry Henderson D6510, Nancy Keppel D6440, Jane McDonald-O'Sullivan D6450, Joseph Miller D6510, Sarah Oliver D6440, Liz Skinner D6490, Larry Thompson D6460, Jeff Thornton D6510, Mel Weith D6510.

Secretary for 2009-11 will be George Trammell D6510, who was unable to attend due to illness. Harry Henderson was appointed to act as recording secretary for the meeting.

Chairs for the 2009 LOL PETS will be as follows: General Chair – D6510, Facility Chair - D6450, Program Chair – D6460, Registration Chair – 6510, Support Services Chair – D6490. Districts were requested to notify Wayne Gerlock, General Chair, of individuals who would be serving along with their contact information.

Treasurers Report was presented by Jeff Thornton. Budget statistics for the years 2006-07 were examined. An explanation of budget considerations for each committee was given and a request that all committees provide a proposed budget by the next meeting was noted. After discussion, the committee was directed to base their budget assumptions on 336 presidents-elect, 82 assistant governors, and 535 total participants.

Facility Arrangements were discussed. A contract has been signed with the Westin Hotel, Lombard, IL. LOL PETS is guaranteeing 360 nights lodging at the rate of \$105 + tax/ night. The hotel will provide one room at no charge for every 40 nights lodging booked. The hotel has agreed to allow the LOL PETS committee to bring in food and drink for hospitality room. The hotel will provide office and storage space and an additional meeting space (Oak Room) for the committee's use.

Audio Visual needs were discussed and the committee was encouraged to consult with Larry Thompson who is in the AV business to determine appropriateness of charges and recommended technology. The Westin Hotel will provide room direction signage at no charge to the committee. Access for set-up will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009. The hotel will furnish a separate room registration desk for LOL PETS participants. LOL PETS has signed a contract guaranteeing \$30,235 of room usage and \$37,000 of food & beverages charges. It was noted by the committee that Friday, March 13 is Lent and alternate menus should be made available. District 6450 indicated they have international flags and would make them available for use during LOL PETS.

Registration Committee discussed the theme bags, which would be ordered for the Presidents-elect. The need to have the second mailing of District PETS materials from RI be sent to a central collection point to facilitate preparation of the theme bags was noted.

The proposed agenda for the 2009 LOL PETS was passed out and discussed. The Thursday morning start time and standardization of content of break out sessions was discussed. The program committee was directed to proceed with contacting keynote speakers as soon as possible.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 11:00 a.m. at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL. (joint meeting with the 2008 LOL PET Committee)

Future meetings of the committee will be:

November 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Westin Hotel, Lombard, IL.

February 7, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL.

March 13-14, 2009 will be LOL PETS at the Westin Hotel, Lombard, IL.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Henderson
Acting Recorder