

## **Gulf Coast Chamber Executives**

Minutes

September 28, 2012

Hosted by: Wharton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

### Attendees:

Irene Bishop	Bay City Chamber of Commerce
Seslee Skrabanek	Bay City Chamber of Commerce
Tracey Wheeler	Baytown Chamber of Commerce
Tinay Martinez	Baytown Chamber of Commerce
Page Michel	Brenham/Washington County Chamber of Commerce
Andy Dill	Community Chamber of Commerce of East Montgomery County
Barbara Thomason	Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce
Alyssa Wilson	Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce
Candace Samples	Sealy Chamber of Commerce
Peggy Spradley	Sealy Chamber of Commerce
Billie Jones	Lifetime Member from Wharton Chamber of Commerce
Ron Sanders	Wharton Chamber of Commerce
Kim Peikert	Wharton Chamber of Commerce
Michelle Koehler	Wharton Chamber of Commerce
Betty McCrohan	Wharton County Junior College, President
Charla Kulcak	Wharton Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board

The September 28, 2012 meeting of the Gulf Coast Chamber Executives was called to order at 10:10 am by Page Michel, President. Page thanked everyone for their attendance and introduced Ron Sanders, President of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

Ron extended a warm welcome to Wharton and to Wharton County Junior College where the meeting was held. Ron then introduced WCC&A's Chairman of the Board Charla Kulcak followed by WCJC President Betty McCrohan. He then introduced Billie Jones, Past President of WCC&A who is also a Lifetime Member of GCCE.

Self-introductions were made by all present.

Minutes of the August meeting were not available and will be emailed to everyone.

Tracey Wheeler, Treasurer presented the August and September (preliminary) reports showing a balance as of the current date of \$5,486.28. GCCE welcomed three new members in September. The Greater Conroe/Lake Conroe Area Chamber of Commerce, Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce and SouthCom (new Associate member). A motion was made by Fay Picard and seconded by Barbara Thomason. The motion was approved.

Page presented the 2013 program survey results that were passed out at the August meeting. Everyone was asked to rank their top tow topics and turn them in. Page will announce the results at the next meeting.

Billie Jones mentioned that if Chambers were looking for speakers for banquets and other events two good ones were “Doc” Blakley and Mickey Reynolds.

Page gave an update on the February 1, 2013 Leadership Conference to be held at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake Hotel.

Page reported that Lifetime Membership nominees are now open and reviewed the guidelines as contained in the GCCE by-laws. The guidelines are also on the GCCE website, [www.GulfCoastChamberExecutives.com](http://www.GulfCoastChamberExecutives.com) . Deadline for submitting nominations is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Any website updates for individual Chambers should be sent to Tracey Wheeler at the Baytown Chamber.

Please register now via the TCCE website for the October 26<sup>th</sup> Sales Training session. Rooms are available at South Shore Harbor at a rate of \$99. Contact them direct to make your reservation.

A roundtable discussion was held among those present.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm for lunch. Everyone was invited to attend the post meeting celebration at the Milam Street Coffee Co. in downtown Wharton.

Respectfully prepared by:  
Andy Dill  
Community Chamber of East Montgomery County