

FPG Business Meeting, 2003

15 attendees

Currently 263 members in FPG

Treasurer's report: Current balance \$3,039. Mock trial income \$4,500

2004 submissions: new procedure. Deadline 2/9/04

Concerns:

Decreasing membership

Decreasing services such as # of technical sessions.

Membership:

Decreasing membership. Suggested recruiting from non-HFES members. Suggested contacting CPEs. Non-HF members would get newsletter. Need to consider why we would want FPG members if they don't go to meetings.

Website can increase membership. Our TG tends to have older people, need younger people to keep up membership. Need to show FPG as more value than just to expert witnesses – also to help clients prevent litigation. May want to have more experienced members mentor less experienced ones.

Election: Need to prepare ballot. Some people volunteered to run.

We need to have the FPG brochure reviewed and edited. Jay Pollack and Laurie Brykman volunteered to look at it.

Co-sponsorship of meetings: Can increase the number of forensic papers.

Bulletin article from FPG: can highlight that our TG is not only for people involved in litigation, but covers broad forensic topics. May increase membership.

Member survey: out in newsletter: chance for \$50 rebate.

Spending plans:

The COTG says TGs are spending less. TGs can drop fee, but does not seem to be obstacle to joining.

Website: include list of members and specialties. Our site is: fpg.hfes.org (no www.) Can link from other TG sites and include short bios of members. Can compile PowerPoint presentations on site or download video as Quicktime files. Can also link to newsletters, announcements, nominations, and survey. Group agreed to update website and allocate up to \$1000 to build and up to \$200/year to maintain.

Workshops: 1/2 day nuts and bolts of practice, ethics. Sessions last year had good attendance. Monday workshops have a fee. Young people not sponsored. Therefore, may not be high attendance. May want a career development track with a different topic each year. Can make video to be used in future workshop/videos.

Mock Trial: Want to make a mock trial at regular intervals. Each year can put money aside.

Invited speaker: can bring someone in such as SEAK group from Cape Cod.

FPG Ballot 2004-2005 – Elect positions

Chair

_____ Alison Vredenburg

_____ (write in)

Program Chair

_____ Jay Pollack

_____ (write in)

Secretary Treasurer

_____ Michael Maddox

_____ Laurie Brykman