



President's Quarterly Report for: Jan-Mar 2009

Membership update: No members at this time.

Board Meeting Highlights:

January: No board meeting.

February: Transition from initial board to founding board held February 19-21, 2009 in Denver, CO. Board orientation and facilitated discussion on next steps, role of the board, strategic planning and communication. Review of bylaws, performance measures, and agreement on ground rules and best practices. Selection to work groups and committees per the bylaws.

March: Election of Board officers: Gretchen Jordan, President; Harriett Edwards, President-Elect; Joanna Johnson, Past President, Trudy Hamilton, Treasurer, LouAnne Smith, Secretary. Creation of Executive team, consisting of the officers. Reviewed drafts of strategic plan, vision statement. Agreed to utilize wiggio.com as a resource to share files, communication and organizational tool. Voted to accept the CNCS invitation to present at the national convention in San Francisco in June and expenditure of grant funds to pay for booth expenses, conference work group travel and housing, and collateral materials.

Summary of activities and accomplishments for First Quarter 2009:

Building on the foundation of the initial ALIVE board, we transferred leadership and began the work of fulfilling ALIVE's mission to provide exceptional service to our profession of volunteer management. After our only face to face meeting with the entire board, we agreed to weekly conference calls to begin the work of meeting the performance measures of the VIF grant and the structure of ALIVE. Besides meeting weekly, the separate work groups and committees met at other times to build the structure of ALIVE, set policies, procedures, and interpretation of bylaws. The first draft of the strategic plan was reviewed.

We were honored to be invited by the Corporation for National and Community Service to have a booth and workshop on professional development opportunities for volunteer resource managers. The trainers for the Advanced Volunteer Managers' track invited ALIVE to give a presentation as well.