

**ALLIANCE FOR STRATEGIC GROWTH, INC.**

**October 20, 2011**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Ron Best, Fred Davis, Rhonda Duning, Mark Goldman, Bob Hobbs, Tim Loyd, Sonya Paul, Jim Riggle, Vicki Tague, Rick Taylor, Brad Wilson, and Dennis Wimer

Absent: Stuart Armstrong, Gary Barrett, Wayne Blevins, Terry Brumley, E. Roy Budd, John Carl, Gail Chesterfield, Dorothy Douglass, Joe Evans, Tony Hart, Rob Jeffs, Emily Jerman-Brown, Milo Miller, Jr., Faron Parr, Kevin Polivick, Tim Rogers, Jerry Sprouse, and Mike Toschlog

**OPEN SEATS:** 3

EGR 6 WIB Seats: 34

Quorum to conduct business: No

Required votes to conduct business: Majority

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Blues Club in Richmond, IN by Chair Rhonda Duning. Duning welcomed the Board and all honored guests to the Annual Meeting.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Duning requested declaration of member conflict of interest. None were declared.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Vicki Tague made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Rick Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda included the September 28, 2011 meeting minutes and approval of committee minutes and actions within delegated authority.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:** In response to the Chair's call for committee reports, recommendations and assignments, Rick Taylor made a motion to dispense with the regular business meeting agenda. Joe Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Annual Meeting events continued with remarks by Master of Ceremonies, Commissioner Denny Burns, who thanked the supporters of the event and introduced Mayor of Richmond, Sally Hutton. Mayor Hutton welcomed guests to the City of Richmond. Commissioner Burns then returned to the podium to call upon Jim Riggle and Joe Evans, who are both past chairs of the Regional Workforce Board and Alliance for Strategic Growth, Inc. respectively. Riggle provided remarks and passed the gavel to newly elected chair of the Workforce Investment Board, Rhonda Duning. Joe Evans provided remarks about the history and the strategy to grow the region through the development of effective alliances. As past chair of Alliance for Strategic Growth, Evans passed the pedestal of the gavel to Rhonda Duning. Burns introduced a video of employer testimonials from recent interviews in the region. The goal of the video was to begin to understand what the employers' needs are and their processes. After the video, Burns introduced Tim Loyd, General Manager of Dot Foods in Cambridge City, Indiana. Loyd provided remarks about the importance of the partnership and cooperation with WorkOne. He also recognized and thanked all WorkOne staff in attendance. Barbara Street provided additional remarks which tied together the events of evening. In closing, chair, Rhonda Duning thanked the JAG students, who acted as hosts and hostesses for the evening, and also thanked the event team staff. Governor Davis of the Blues Ambassadors was introduced and he honored the JAG students, the Board and staff.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Street  
Secretary