

AR-CEC Executive Committee Meeting Corrected 6/15/06
Little Rock Hilton, Little Rock, AR
February 16, 2006

President Stumbaugh called the meeting to order, the following members were present:

Sharon Stumbaugh, President
Jenny Barber, President Elect
Jill Simpson, Vice President
Ed Simoneaux, Secretary
Bonnie Boaz, Treasurer
Laura Bunch, Membership
Martha Burks – CAN Representative
Jon Rainbolt, Representative to Representative Assembly
Ron Love, AR-CASE President
Rose Merry Kirkpatrick, Historian
Rick Foti, Conference Planner
Barbara Gartin, Awards Chair
Jennifer Hune, CCBD President
Pam Pounders, DEC President
Ken Holmes, CASE President
Carol Douglas, SCEC Advisor
Dean Newell, DDD President

President Stumbaugh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes from the last meetings were read and approved – motion by Jill Simpson and second by Martha Burks, motion passed. President Stumbaugh recognized the AR-CEC Newsletter and commented that Ron Love and Tammy Rainey were doing a great job.

President Elect Jenny Barber discussed the purchase of an official CEC Logo (Jenny Barber did the research) and President Elect Barber made a motion to purchase 2 small logos with a purchase price of up to \$400.00 dollars, second by Ed Simoneaux, motion passed.

President Elect Barber made a motion to purchase a big banner (or 2) for upcoming use at AR-CEC conferences with up to \$2,000.00, discussion about location and need, motion second by Barbara Gartin, motion passed.

President Elect Barber discussed the conference evaluations and offered to send a summary via e-mail to all board members. She also discussed the possibility of expanding the evaluation process in the future. '05 Conference reports will be provided at the next board meeting. The board discussed the fact that participants enjoyed the t-shirts. President Elect Barber also discussed she would like to consider having a conference committee meeting following the conference in 2006 – before departing Hot Springs. She also discussed the need for additional signs or mapping as participants were

having difficulty with directions. She also made comment to the need to bring back Poster Sessions and possibly getting a copy machine for the board room.

Topic – Topical Conference, John Rainbolt asked that Historian Kirkpatrick with an ad-hoc committee look into past Topical Conferences and the Policy Manual with regards to the need for AR-CEC to have a Topical Conference – motion was seconded by Vice President Simpson. – Motion was amended to a Topical Conference Committee on Topical Conference to be chaired by Historian Kirkpatrick – research and see if we even need to have these in the future, seconded by Vice President Simpson – motion passed. Awards Chairperson Gartin suggested we not have a topical conference this year, being a Special Show year and the year that the International DEC conference is in Little Rock, Arkansas – motion seconded by Martha Burks – motion passed.

Vice President Simpson made a motion that Arkansas have a party at the National CEC Conference – motion was seconded by Bonnie Boaz – board had discussion and decided it was not a good idea this year, motion failed.

President Stumbaugh received the nomination ballot from Past President Cochran. The board had a great deal of discussion about this topic and decided that policy wasn't completed. More nominations were made and a motion to close nominations on February 28, 2006 was made by Barbara Gartin and seconded by Jenny Barber, motion passed. President Stumbaugh announced we have a ballot but we will continue to accept nominations until February 28, 2006. All nominations will be accepted if they are currently CEC members and have been for the past two years. Two of the nominees' memberships are currently in question. President Stumbaugh requested Membership Chair Bunch look into the nominations to verify membership for all people on the ballot and verify two years past membership.

Representatives to Assembly Rainbolt and Love commented they have hotel and air reservations for the National CEC Conference and are ready to go.

Vice President Simpson reported she had received 4 paid booths for AR-CEC already and handed out the Call for Papers, exhibitor information and Registration. Vice President Simpson reported she has asked SEAS for 700 bags for the '06 conference.

Awards Chair Gartin does not feel we are doing a very good job on nominations – every board member should nominate two people for awards.

Treasurer Boaz reported she hasn't finalized the conference report and is still waiting on some money to come in and some bills that haven't come in. She also wanted to thank the student facilitators – they did a great job and were very helpful/wonderful.

Membership Chair Bunch mentioned she had been contacted by CEC and they are listing members who have passed away from January '05 to February '06. Membership Matters is something that CEC is bringing back – with an article from the Web-Site.

Conference Planner Foti asked to have an ad-hoc committee look into the possibility of having an Exhibitor/Vendor Coordinator – motion was made by Jenny Barber and seconded by Barbara Gartin. This committee should include several past conference chairpersons from past conferences – motion passed.

SCEC Advisor Douglas had a meeting in November with over 25 participants and has another meeting scheduled for February.

DEC President Pounders discussed the upcoming International DEC Conference in Arkansas. She is required to have 11 committees and 150 volunteers. She is meeting February 22 & 23, 2006, with the National CEC to discuss the conference. She has received a 42 page how to book she must follow.

CASE President Holmes reported that Ron Love has been elected as the new CASE President.

CCBD President Hune reported they had a Pre-Conference speaker who is an expert on children with cultural diversity.

DDD Present Newell requested a copy of members of his division as he wants to see his division grow.

OLD BUSINESS

An Ad-Hoc Committee was appointed to address Policy and Public Relations. Members are Rose Merry Kirkpatrick-Chairperson, Jill Simpson, Jenny Barber, Sharon Stumbaugh, Rich Foti, John Rainbolt and Barbara Gartin.

NEW BUSINESS

Board retreat dates are set for June 12 & 13, 2006. June 13, 2006, is Jill Simpson's Birthday. Training for the new officers will take place at the retreat. Possible locations for the retreat were discussed, Hot Springs, London (Tyson Training Facility), Petti Jean Mountain and Heber Springs.

President Elect Barber made a motion the AR-CEC donate \$4,000.00 to Special Show 2006 to be used however Special Education needs, motion was seconded by Jill Simpson, motion passed.

Vice President Simpson made a motion to allow Membership to spend up to \$2,000.00 on promotional type items to have available at the AR-CEC booth at Special Show to hand out and recruit members, Ed Simoneaux second motion, motion passed.

President Stumbaugh mentioned to the board that this '06 conference is Conference Planner Foti last conference and would like for the old and new Conference Planner to work together this year so they have a feel for how the conference will work next year.

Recommendations were taken from the floor, Jenny Barber, Ed Simoneaux and Jon Rainbolt – Jenny then removed herself from the recommendations. Martha Burks made a motion that President Stumbaugh has done research on the candidates and allow President Stumbaugh to make the appointment, motion second by Jennifer Hune. Motion defeated.

Jill Simpson moved that selection of the Conference Planner be appointed by the board with a second by Barbara Gartin, motion passed. The candidates gave a short unprepared bio of how they felt they were qualified for the position, John Rainbolt became the new conference planner.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jill Simpson and seconded by Laura Bunch, meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes reported by Ed Simoneaux