

AR-CEC Executive Committee Meeting
Red Apple Inn, Heber Springs, AR
June 15, 2006

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

Sharon Stumbaugh, President
Jenny Barber, President Elect
Jill Simpson, Vice President
Bonnie Boaz, Treasurer
Chris Foley, Vice-President Elect
Laura Bunch, Membership
Martha Burks – CAN Representative
Jon Rainbolt, Representative to Representative Assembly
Ron Love, Newsletter Editor
Rose Merry Kirkpatrick, Historian
Rick Foti, Conference Planner
Barbara Gartin, Awards Chair
Pam Pounders, DEC President
Carol Douglas, SCEC Advisor
Rebecca Elms, SCEC President
Dee Dee Cain, Scholarship Chair

President Stumbaugh called the meeting to order at 12:48 p.m. A Quorum was established. Jill Simpson asked for clarification on numbers needed to be a Quorum. To meet qualifications for a Quorum the board must have four elected officers.

President Sharon Stumbaugh opening remarks reminded the board to complete officers' reports three weeks before every board meeting. In addition, President Stumbaugh introduced Rebecca Elms, SCEC President and Chris Foley Vice-President Elect.

The minutes from the last meetings were corrected and approved as read by Laura Bunch, acting secretary– motion by Jenny Barber and second by Martha Burks, motion passed. Jon Rainbolt requested that the board members be provided with a corrected copy of the February 16, 2006 minutes. Jenny Barber volunteered to disseminate minutes upon receiving minutes from Laura Bunch

REPORTS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Sharon Stumbaugh reported this has been a very emotional year and she hoped with the resolution of some controversial issues the changes will make CEC a stronger organization.

President Elect Jenny Barber provided the board with housekeeping details concerning the board retreat. No report at this time.

Past President – Vacant

Representatives to Representative Assembly Jon Rainbolt/Ron Love submitted written report detailing the Assembly in Salt Lake City.

Vice-President Jill Simpson shared with the board valuable information she received during the Salt Lake City conference. She provided information on the upcoming events for CEC in November. Jill reported pre-conference schedules; breakout sessions and general sessions have been confirmed. She continues to work on vendors for the conference. Jill was proud to announce that 700 SEAS WEB/CEC bags are already in Arkansas. On a sad note Marcia Harding will not be able to attend the awards ceremony but will be sending Tom Hicks to present on the regulations. Topics that will be covered during CEC 06 will be Parental Involvement, Legal Issues, Co-teaching, 504, Pre-K Ella, Transition, RTI and Regulations.

Awards Committee Chair Barbara Gartin raised the question about the inadequacy of the website. She informed the board the website is a barrier for getting nominations out to the general membership. She requested guidance from the board at this time. First action - go with the limited applications or Second action - extend timelines. It was determined to continue as in the past and recruit several members to read and score applications and report to the entire board on June 16, 2006.

Treasurer Bonnie Boaz provided treasures report to all board members for review. Laura Bunch noticed that CASE's portion of the pre-conference was not recorded. Jill Simpson requested the right to review conference expense account and opened discussion if needed on June 16, 2006.

Secretary – Ed Simoneaux – Absent

APPOINTED OFFICERS REPORTS

Representative/Newsletter Ron Love reported the final issue of the 05-06 newsletter will be distributed later this month. Deadline for receiving information to be included must be received by June 21, 2006.

Membership Chair Laura Bunch provided a current and up-to-date membership list detailing members in good standing along with lapsed memberships. Additional information was provided about promotional mugs for Special Show announcing CEC's dates.

CAN Advisor Martha Burks provided a written officers report summarizing her activities for the 05-06 school year. She reports about on-going correspondence with Arkansas Congressperson's and her involvement with CAN surveys. Martha will be attending the CAN Conference July 15-19 in Washington D.C.

Historian Rose Merry Kirkpatrick indicated no report however she is looking for a place to move all paper archives. Dee Dee Cain volunteered her storage room at UCA and Ron Love will transport the archives from Arch Ford to UCA. Rose Merry Kirkpatrick requested archival records be turned in yearly. Discussion was held concerning what needs to be archived. No action taken on this item.

Convention Planner Rick Foti no report deferred to, Jon Rainbolt, Jenny Barber and Jill Simpson. Committee met on June 12, 2006 at the Hot Springs Convention Center with Cynthia Brown (event planner). During the meeting the contract was revised and rooms were released. Items of interest noted are Exhibit Hall "A" is back, door prizes to encourage visiting vendors was established and AV set ups were finalized. Pro's and con's were discussed on extending gala times.

Advisor for Cultural/Linguistic Diversity Josephine Buffington absent

SCEC Advisor Carol Douglass presented a written report outlining SCEC's meeting times and election of co-governors. The Co-governors are Hannah Troyer and Sarah Richardson who attended the National CEC conference.

CASE President Ken Holmes –absent

SCEC President Rebecca Elms thanked AR-CEC for sending her to the National conference and reported on the February 3, 2006 meeting. Rebecca requested \$300.00 from Student Leadership fund to do make and take at conference – this is a one-time request. This opened much debate on how to address SCEC's proposal. Jill Simpson motioned to reduce registration rate for SCEC to \$25.00 and to continue to pay facilitator fee. Second by Rose Merry Kirkpatrick – motion passed. Martha Burks amended the motion to increase the \$300.00 expenditure to \$500.00 and require digital proof and submission of article. Barbara Gartin's seconded the amendment. Amendment passed. SCEC will explore selling t-shirt as a fundraiser and will present information at the next board meeting in September.

CCBD President Jennifer Hune – absent

DCDT President Carrie Tuttle – absent

DEC President Pam Pounders informed the board that National DEC will be held in Arkansas in October 2006. DEC is requesting that CEC make a cash donation to the national conference to provide refreshments for the volunteers. All donations are to be handled by Dale Ball. Pam also noted that Arkansas has benefited by an increase of 36 members to DEC. Before action was taken Sharon Stumbaugh asked if/when CEC contributed what type of acknowledgement would CEC receive. Pam responded it could be noted Arkansas CEC be a partnership with DEC. Barbara Gartin moved that CEC sponsor refreshments for the volunteers by pledging \$1000.00. Seconded by Bonnie Boaz. After discussion Barbara withdrew her motion. Jenny Barber made a motion to match funds with DEC at a maximum of \$2000.00 and half the cost of printing a sign to indicate partnership. Jon Rainbolt seconded the motion. Motion failed. Barbara Gartin moved to give \$4000.00 to be used with

national DEC for an Arkansas volunteer room to be used at their discretion. Motioned died for a lack of second. Jon Rainbolt made a motion to sponsor AR-CEC volunteer room at \$4000.00 for the national DEC conference including the purchasing of a sign to indicate sponsorship/partnership. This money will be earmarked for the volunteer room. Jenny Barber second the motion. Motion passed.

DDD President – vacant

OLD BUSINESS

Topical conferences – no conference at this time on the agenda moved to old business at a later date.

Ad-hoc committee – no report at this time. Committee will convene after board meeting and will report on June 16, 2006.

Barbara Gartin announced DDD nationals will be held in Hawaii in 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

President Sharon Stumbaugh expressed concern with the lack of returned ballots (18 total) in the recent election. It was noted that the positions were unopposed and this could be one reason for the poor response. Electronic submission was an option to be considered at a later date. Jon Rainbolt suggested a way to increase voting but would take a change in constitution, correlating voting with state conference. No board action at this time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pam Pounders and seconded by Bonnie Boaz, meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes reported by Laura Bunch