

AR-CEC Executive Committee Meeting
Red Apple Inn, Heber Springs, AR
June 16, 2006

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

Jenny Barber, President
Sharon Stumbaugh, Past President
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
Jennifer Hune, CCBD President

President Barber called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. A Quorum was established.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by Laura Bunch and approved as read. Bonnie Boaz made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Rose Merry Kirkpatrick. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Policies Committee Chair Rose Merry Kirkpatrick reported that the committee will address policy vs. constitution/changes and corrections, policies concerning board members in good standings requirements and relationships between subdivisions and CEC. Rose Merry proposed/made a motion the committee will meet before board meetings not additional days. If the task cannot be completed during this time frame, the proposal addressed up to two nights travel, lodge and meals as needed to complete the draft revisions to the policy. Seconded by Bonnie Boaz. Committee members include: Rose Merry Kirkpatrick-chair, Rick Foti, Jill Simpson, Jenny Barber, Jon Rainbolt, Sharon Stumbaugh. Motion passed.

Awards Chair Barbara Gartin presented the 2006 slate of award/scholarships recipients. The recipients are as follows:

AWARDS

Paraprofessional – Lorita Ray – Van Buren
Paraprofessional – Ernestine Nelson - Ashdown
Jack Morgan – Sara Chamberlin – Fayetteville
Student Achievement - Kelli Adkins - Horatio
General Ed Teacher – Sandra Hulan – Hope

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Recipients – Doris Henderson - Siloam Springs

Committee Members – Dee Dee Cain, Carol Douglas, Jon Rainbolt and Barbara Gartin

President Jenny Barber provided a draft of board meetings and schedules for the 06-07 year. Agreed upon times, dates, and locations are as follows:

Thursday September 21, 2006 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Russellville

Tuesday November 07, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Hot Springs Convention Center
Arlington Room

Thursday February 15, 2007 – and if needed February 16, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Russellville

Monday, Tuesday June 14 & 15, 2007 - Board Retreat – Mount Magazine

NEW BUSINESS

President Jenny Barber addressed the correct procedure to fill the vacant position of secretary. Two names have been submitted Jill LaRosa and Debbie Atkinson. After much discussion minutes reflect this is a board appointment for one year due to vacancy in position. Jill Simpson made a motion Debbie Atkinson be appointed as board secretary for duration of this board year and position added to the board ballot for the election to be filled the rest of the term next spring. Dee Dee Cain seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Topical Conference - Chris Foley Vice-President will set a deadline of August 31, 2006 for subdivisions to declare if a topical conference will be scheduled. In addition, Chris will send out a needs assessment questionnaire to all subdivision presidents and will report back in September.

Membership requirements for officers - A very controversial issue has been brought to the boards attention and needs board action immediately. Jill Simpson questioned standings of board members/lapsed memberships and how this will affect board members if audited. Jennifer Hune stated individual membership lapses should be dealt with privately. Rose Merry Kirkpatrick policy chair stated there is nothing in CEC policy about lapse membership for board members. Therefore, no action can be taken for previous years. The board directed the Ad-hoc Committee to draft a policy and present at the September board meeting. During the discussion is brought to the board's attention something needed to be current at this time. Jon Rainbolt made a motion with Jill Simpson provided a friendly amendment to address this issue now. The motion reads Established a requirement that the Membership Committee Chair be required to confirm Arkansas CEC membership status of each and every member of the Executive Committee no less than 14 days prior to each regularly schedule

Executive Committee meeting. The Membership Chair is then required to notify the President of the status of each member of the committee, whose is then required to notify any member whose membership is 'lapsed.' No member whose membership is lapsed may vote in an Executive Committee meeting until their membership status has been returned to active status; however, the Executive Committee has the authority to grant, through a unanimous vote of its members, a lapsed member temporary active status for one Executive Committee meeting only. No Executive Committee member may serve and/or vote on the Executive Committee, even with Executive Committee approval, for more than one meeting with a 'lapse' membership status. All Executive Committee members be required to remain 'members in good standing' during the entire period of their service on the Executive Committee. 'Members in good standing' will be defined to include current members of CEC/Arkansas CEC within no less than 2 months of 'valid thru' date of membership and a current resident of the state of Arkansas or within 50 miles of the border of the state of Arkansas. No payment will be made to or as a result of expenses incurred on behalf of any Executive Committee member unless their Arkansas CEC membership is current at the time such expenses incurred regardless of any Executive Committee action. Motion passed with one abstention.

Dr. Jennifer Hune presented information about pre-conference with Dr. Hale, contract sent to Jenny Barber.

Bonnie Boaz presented new budget, required voting on proposed draft Laura Bunch made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Seconded by Jill Simpson and Sharon Stumbaugh. Motion passed.

Website – Motion made by Jill Simpson to allow University of Arkansas with Barbara Gartin to oversee CEC's website. Seconded by Jon Rainbolt. Motion Passed.

With a round of applause the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bunch