

**Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children
Annual Business Meeting
November 15, 2007
Hot Springs Convention Center**

Call to Order:

President Jill Simpson called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. Approximately 836 participants were at the luncheon meeting. Prayer was said by Jim Bynum. The national anthem was sung, and a color guard was presented. A moment of silence was observed for Joyce Rupp, former member of CEC. President Simpson then introduced members of the board of directors.

Minutes:

Reading of the minutes from the previous annual business meeting was suspended.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Jenny Barber shared the financial report. The current balance is \$183,600.10.

Old Business:

No old business was presented.

New Business:

See below (after committee reports).

Officers Reports:

Jenny barber, past president, urged members to serve on the board of directors. Ron Love, representative to the representative assembly announced that he and Jon Rainbolt were to attend National EC in Boston in April, 2008 and urged CASE members, especially to attend. No other officers had reports.

Subdivision Presidents' Reports:

No reports were made.

Committee Reports:

Laura Bunch, membership chair, announced that CEC has 377 members in Arkansas. She encouraged participants to join CEC. No other committee reports were made.

New Business (continued):

President Simpson announced that the board had recommended that the newsletter would be changed to an electronic format and that an amendment to combine the newsletter editor and the communications chair was made. The constituency cannot take a vote at the general business meeting to combine the newsletter editor and the communications chair. The general membership was told to visit the web in two weeks to vote on line for this change.

President Simpson recognized Elaine Terrell for her work on the website and Kelly Withers, event planner at the convention center.

Joseph Irwin signed the Star Spangled Banner beautifully.

Courtney Williams and DeeDee Cain announced winners of awards and scholarships. Kim Peek assisted in handing out the awards and scholarships. Winners are as follows:

Ada Thompson Scholarship-Leslie Rush
AR CEC Scholarship-Sarah Taylor
Jack Morgan Award for Professionals-Kathleen Atkins
Donna Reed Award for Administrators-JoAnna Piker
Donna Reed Scholarship for Transition from DCDT-Edgar Piggee
AR CEC Paraprofessional of the Year-Phyllis Patton
AR CEC Outstanding Student Member Award-Leslie Rush

President Simpson invited everyone to the President's gala. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.