

**Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children
Board of Director's Meeting-Hot Springs CEC Conference, Convention Center
November 13, 2007 2:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Jill Simpson, President
Kathleen Atkins, Vice President
Chris Foley, President Elect
Jenny Barber, Past President/Treasurer
Patty Kohler-Evans, Secretary
Lisa Herrington, SCEC Advisor
Jon Rainbolt, Representative to Rep Assembly
Ron Love, Representative to Rep Assembly, CASE
RoseMerry Kirkpatrick, Historian
Laura Bunch, Membership Chair
DeeDee Cain, Scholarship Chair
Barbara Gartin, AR-DDD Representative, Web Master
Courtney Williams, Awards Chair
Barbara Wilmes, DEC Representative
Martha Burks, CAN Representative
Luann L. Purcell, Guest, Executive Director, CASE

Call to Order and Establish Quorum:

The meeting was called to order by President Simpson at 2:08 p.m. A quorum was established.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (September 20, 2007):

Motion was made by Rainbolt and seconded by Atkins to suspend reading of minutes from September 20, 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Topical Conference (follow up reports by DCDT and DDD): DCDT is co-sponsoring a conference with the ADE and not asking for any financial support from CEC. DDD is hosting an Autism Symposium March 27-28, 2008 (see flier). Brenda Myles Smith will be coming to speak. U of A may be developing a certificate program in Autism. The Symposium will be posted on the website. Currently, DDD is inactive due to not having officers.

Review Schedule of Board Meetings (retreat location interests?) February 14, 2008:

The next board meeting will be held in Russellville on February 14, 2008.

Constitution Change (newsletter editor): The constituency cannot take a vote at the general business meeting to combine the newsletter editor and the communications chair. The communications chair would do an electronic post to the web. The general membership will be told in the general business meeting to visit the web in two weeks to vote on line for this change.

New Business:

Committee Appointments/Responsibilities: Committees have been designated, please refer to responsibilities of each committee

Strategic Plan: Will keep February 13, 2008 on the calendar as a possible date for this.

Nomination form for upcoming election (vice president, secretary, scholarship chair): Nominations are due by January 15, 2008 to be posted on the website in February, 2008 for elections in March, 2008.

Officer Reports:

International membership report: Simpson passed out the international membership report. Current state membership is 337. There is a special rate for student membership.

AR-CEC membership report/membership booth activity: Information is contained in international membership report (see Member Counts). Also, individuals who stop by CEC booth will get a free gift...mouse pad, duster and mini-poster. Members will be given a sticker at registration.

Treasurer's report: See attached report. Total expenses: 18,933.53. Total income: 69,737.17. Ending balance: 183,600.10. Many individuals overpaid conference registration. Need to add to form who to contact in case of cancellation before conference. Gartin suggested referring individuals to the website for additional information on this.

Representatives to the Representative Assembly-appointment for Boston, April 2-5, 2008: Jon Rainbolt and Ron Love will both attend.

Conference 2007: Conference Committee Report (Foley):

Conference Chair displayed items for CEC members: mouse pad, screen cleaner, mini poster, conference bag, magnet, bound programs with note pages. 808 have pre-registered and 315 have signed up for the pre-conference. Pre-conference participants get "At a Glance", and conference participants get a canvas bag. Simpson suggested capping the conference at some point-may need to discuss in February. Arlington room at the Convention Center is for board members only. LRP is sponsoring a board dinner tonight.

At 5:00, exhibit hall doors will be opened. JEdI is hosting a social on Wednesday 7 – 9 pm, and CEC has a social 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday. Exhibit hall is closed on Friday.

Registration for the conference starts at 7:00 a.m. Kim Peek will speak in Horner Hall and 207,208,209 with a book signing after. Ken Holmes drove his truck from Russellville to help bring materials. Foley moved to pay him for mileage. Wilmes seconded. Passed unanimously.

Foley moved that the CEC board become the responsible agent for DDD until DDD is reinstated as a recognized subdivision. Gartin seconded. CEC will authorize checks and pay DDD bills. Passed unanimously. Barber made a motion to have conference chair be approving party for DDD expenses just for 2007 conference. Kirkpatrick seconded. Passed unanimously.

Silent auction/facilitator history (fundraising): DCDT has raised concerns that all facilitators at the conference are students. DCDT does not have a representative at this board meeting. Discussion of this will be tabled until the February board meeting. Paul Johnston will be the DCDT representative when Tammy Sumners rotates off.

Conference 2008 November 12-14:

Exhibitors' forms are ready, call for paper forms are ready and will be available at registration table. Atkins asked for recommendations for keynote speaker.

Committee reports (if any):

Communications chair, Gartin, passed out usage report. She asked for pictures of scholarship recipients. Membership chair, Bunch, will check email addresses at the booth. Scholarship report was read by Wilmes for Cain. A request was made to increase scholarship money to \$1500. Barber moved to raise scholarship to \$2000. Gartin seconded. Passed unanimously. DCDT and AR-CEC Advisors both submitted written reports. Barber indicated that taxes have been filed.

Future direction of the board (priorities):

President Simpson indicated that the CEC should be more than a conference. She asked for February agenda items. Barber indicated that all subdivisions are losing members except CASE.

Dr. Purcell made some suggestions:

- Have own chapter in school districts
- Get an email list and send to individual friends who are not members and ask about becoming members
- Give a conference gift (book for every member)

Other ideas for February meeting-National Board Certification for special education teachers.

Adjourn:

Foley moved and Burks seconded that meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.