

**Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children  
Board of Director's Meeting-Russellville School District  
February 14, 2008**

**Members Present**

Jill Simpson, President  
Kathleen Atkins, Vice President  
Chris Foley, President Elect  
Jenny Barber, Past President, Treasurer  
Patty Kohler, Secretary  
Lisa Herrington, SCEC Advisor  
Jon Rainbolt, Representative to Rep Assembly  
Ron Love, Representative to Rep assembly, CASE  
RoseMerry Kirkpatrick, Historian  
Barbara Gartin, AR-DDD Representative, Web Master  
Courtney Williams, Awards Chair  
Martha Burks, CAN Representative  
Laura Bunch, Membership Chair  
Amber Quillman, Co-SCEC President  
Siri Hill, Co-SCEC President  
Dee Dee Cain, Scholarship Chair  
Barbara Wilmes, DEC Representative

**Call to Order and Establish Quorum**

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 8:50 and established a quorum.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting (November 17-Kohler-Evans-previously sent out to read to all officers and subdivision)**

Minutes were approved unanimously with one correction to add Courtney Williams to attendees list and remove Tammy Sumners' name.

**Old Business**

**Topical Conference:** Jenny Barber indicated that DEC wants to do a topical conference next year. DEC does not need CEC assistance. DCDDT is not represented at this board meeting. A motion was made by Jon Rainbolt that for any group that wants to use the CEC name to advertise, sponsor or co-sponsor a conference, then CEC must approve the sponsorship, which has been submitted in writing to CEC, a minimum of three months prior to the conference. The motion was seconded by Martha Burks. Passed unanimously. This will be made a permanent policy, and Jenny Barber will add it to the policy manual. She will revise page, send as an email attachment to Jill who will send it to board as an attachment. Barbara Gartin will post it to the web.

**Review Schedule of Board Meetings (retreat June 12-13, 2008):** The next board meeting will be the June retreat and possible sites include the Little Red River and Lake Point in Russellville.

President Simpson introduced the co-presidents for SCEC, Siri Hill and Amber Quillman.

**Constitution Change-Amendment Election (report from website voting):** Voting for the change occurred on line, and the amendment passed.

**Strategic Plan February 13, 2008:** The facilitator, Mary, will send a copy of the plan to Jenny Barber when all notes are compiled. Many board members attended.

**Subdivisions reinstatement/activity: DDD and CCBD:** DDD had an election and Barbara Gartin is the president and DDD representative. DDD is now active. Gartin will send the constitution to Jill Simpson. CCBD is making strides; they have four offices and are running an election right now. Joanna Piker has been very helpful. DCDT is asking for \$1000 of their money to pay for a social that was held during the transition subdivision conference.

#### **New Business:**

**Necrology & Courtesy Resolutions, Information from International CEC:** President Simpson passed out a memo from Linda Marsal, associate Executive Director, Membership.

**Nominations for Upcoming Election (Vice President, Secretary, Scholarship Chair) were due January-Barber:** Nominations were due mid-January. Jill thanked Barbara Gartin for electronic voting.

**Election Timeframe (ballot on website, ready for voting):** The election closes March 31, 2008 at 5:00. Jenny moved that the Election Committee certify the election electronically. Chris Foley seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**Representation at the National CAN Conference:** Martha Burks may attend this. Not sure at this point.

**Representation at CEC Convention in April in Boston:** There are six requests: Laura Bunch, Jill Simpson, Chris Foley, Jenny Barber, Jon Rainbolt and Ron Love, possibly Dee Dee Cain. Three students are requesting to go to CEC in Boston. No decision on paying students' conference costs until after treasurer's report.

**National Certification for Special Education Teachers:** This item was tabled temporarily.

## **Officer Reports:**

**International Membership Report-Simpson (66 increase from October to November...53 were students):** Simpson passed out reports on Arkansas membership compared to national membership and history of Arkansas membership month to month.

### **AR-CEC Membership Report/Recruitment efforts-Bunch**

**Hope assistant superintendent pays from VI-B membership for all special education teachers**

**12/13/07 email sent to over 400 (23 at least emails failed to deliver):**

Membership chair receives an active roster annually. She noted that several members have dues coming up soon. All candidates running for office are in good standing. 83 members are students. Laura asked the board for ideas for membership incentives. She has left over magnets. Gartin suggested using pencils with the website on them. Laura will look into getting pencils and some other item with "Save the Day..." on it.

**Past President's Report:** Barber reported on the Strategic Plan process on February 13, 2008. RoseMerry indicated that most strategic plans lasted for three years with an annual review. The facilitator's report will go to Barber, then to the President. The Strategic Plan will be posted on the web site after the Board reviews it in June. All agreed that the facilitator, Mary, did an excellent job.

**Representative to Representative Assembly:** Rainbolt and Love handed out a printout of an outline of issues that are going on in the Representative Assembly. This is a busy time of year for activities.

**Awards Chair:** Courtney Williams is getting out a list for LEAs, Superintendents and other school administrators for CEC awards in an effort to increase interest and name submissions.

**Scholarship Chair:** The deadline is May 31 for name submissions. Last year, there was an increase in applications. Three scholarships that are given are Dr. Ada Thompson, CEC and Paraprofessional.

**CAN Representative:** Martha Burks indicated that the President (Bush) is shifting dollars from special education to voucher programs for private schools. She also indicated that other reimbursements are diminishing. She further indicated that there had been some good information on RTI and that Congress was looking for special education success stories to share.

**SCEC:** Lisa Herrington indicated that new officers have been elected. See report. Barbara Gartin asked for pictures from SCEC to put on the web. She also asked all board members to send information for posting in a well edited, ready to post format.

**DEC:** Barbara Wilmes indicated that DEC held a workshop in Little Rock on February 7. Rene` Crow was the speaker, and 150 or more participants attended. The session brought in about \$13,000.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jenny Barber passed out expense reports for 11/07, 2/08 and the November, 2007 CEC conference. She suggested that members submit items for reimbursement in a timely manner in order to have up-to-date balances. Barber made a motion to add a policy that reads, "It is the intent of the CEC Board to recognize the contributions of speakers in giving their time and talent to the participants of our conference (while also acknowledging the benefit that those same speakers receive in professional recognition that they in turn receive). For this reason, all presenters and participants are expected to register for the conference unless they attend the conference only during the time of their presentation session (set-up/take down etc. included)." Barbara Gartin seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

A new motion was made by RoseMerry Kirkpatrick for an ad hoc committee to be put together to review policy manual, to look at new policies to determine where to put them and to consider having a section for Convention/Annual Conference. This committee will bring their recommendations to the retreat in June. Dee Dee Cain seconded. Motion carried with one opposed. The ad hoc committee was appointed to consist of these members: RoseMerry Kirkpatrick, Jenny Barber, Jon Rainbolt, Kathleen Atkins, Chris Foley and Jill Simpson.

RoseMerry Kirkpatrick moved that student representatives, SCEC co-presidents and governor be sent to International CEC with expenses paid up to the amount incurred by Board members. Jenny Barber seconded. Motion passed. Barber suggested looking at conference costs after the conference and considering reimbursing attendees expenses beyond \$2000. This issue will be revisited in June (after the April Conference in Boston).

DeeDee Cain moved that the three scholarships be raised to \$1500 each. This was seconded by Kohler. RoseMerry Kirkpatrick noted that the policy manual only mentions two scholarships. Motion passed.

**Conference 2007: Conference Committee Report (Foley)**  
**Silent Auction/Facilitator History (fundraising)**

Conference Chair Foley shared a thank you note from Angie and thanked all who had helped with the conference.

**Conference 2008 November 12-14**  
**Exhibit Coordinator**

It was noted that Richard Lavoie would be a big conference draw in 2008. CASE and SCEC will co-sponsor this preconference session. Atkins noted that several individuals had been contacted as possible keynote speakers for the 2008 conference: Don Bailey, Don Deshler, Marilyn Sprick and possibly Paul Vitale. The call for papers is going on the

website. For exhibits, Jill Simpson will work with Wynette Chambers. Atkins noted that fewer door prizes would be given, perhaps about 15. The band has been booked for the President's gala, and Eclipse Displays has been contracted. Laura Bunch may organize the registration table. Courtney Williams will do the table decorations again this year. Chris Foley will work with Jon Rainbolt on food.

Concerning the silent auction, DCDT has raised a complaint about not getting profits from auction items when members of DCDT did not work the silent auction. DeeDee Cain moved that money from silent auction that was not designated would go to CEC. Lisa Herrington seconded motion. Passed with two opposed.

### **Committee Reports (if any)**

No additional reports given.

### **Future Direction of the Board (priorities)**

President Simpson urged the board to go to the ADE website and review proposed regulations to IDEIA. Discussion about whether CEC would take a stand on issues occurred. Generally, AR CEC is concerned with national issues and AASEA addresses state issues.

Concerning National Certification, it was decided that this issue would be discussed at the June board meeting.

Policy Manual Updates were distributed. Members were asked to replace old sections with new sections.

### **Adjourn**

At 1:30 meeting was adjourned with motion from Jon Rainbolt and second from Ron Love.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Kohler-Evans  
ARCEC Secretary  
2/16/08