

**Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children
Board of Directors' Meeting
Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Arkansas
June 11, 2009**

Members Present:

Kathleen Atkins, President
Chris Foley, Past President
Jill LaRosa, President Elect
Patty Kohler, Secretary
Paul Johnston, Communications Chair
Courtney Williams, Awards Chair
Kathy Stafford, DEC President
JoAnna Piker, CCBD President
Ron Love, Rep to Rep Assembly
RoseMerry Kirkpatrick, Historian
Jon Rainbolt, Rep to Rep Assembly

I. Call to Order

President Atkins called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. A quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes of June 10th Board Meeting

President Atkins requested that members read the minutes as provided for corrections. Motion was made by Rainbolt and seconded by Williams to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

III. Old Business

- **Update officer contact information:** President Atkins sent a copy of contact information around for corrections. She requested that new members get their pictures made with P. Johnston.
- **Other:** Kirkpatrick and Rainbolt revisited policy regarding the Distinguished Special Education Teacher. Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Kirkpatrick that the following language be added to policy: "Travel expenses will be paid to the International CEC Conference for the Distinguished Teacher in Special Education up to the maximum set by the AR CEC Executive Board annually. " Motion carried. The Distinguished Special Education Teacher must have been a CEC member for at least a year. A friendly amendment was made by Piker, seconded by Johnston, to add the language, "for the award year". Motion carried.
- DEC President Stafford indicated that over \$400 was made from the topical conference, and she requested permission to present another topical conference this year.

IV. New Business

- **President's comments on 2009-2010:** President Atkins said she was looking forward to the year, and she wanted members to focus on our roots, the children and service for them. She also talked about being good stewards of the money we have and that we need to improve our financial health.
- **New board members introduction and welcome:** Atkins welcomed new members: Tom Smith-CAN Rep; Paul Johnston-Communications Chair; RoseMerry Kirkpatrick-Historian. She asked the secretary to send a note to Elaine for helping with the web page.
- **Committee appointments: membership committee, governmental relations committee, nominating committee, finance committee, awards committee, and the president's advisory committee:** President Atkins requested committee membership lists by September, 2009.
- **Schedule for 2009-2010 board meetings:** Meeting schedule is on the yellow sheet attached to these minutes. Two meetings will be conducted at UCA. A June retreat will be added.
- **Spring 2010 Topical Conferences:** DEC is planning one. The approved form will be due by November Board Meeting for a spring, 2010 Topical conference. CCBD and DEC are planning to collaborate on a topical conference for the spring. Foley will provide Atkins with the current topical conference form. Jill LaRosa asked members to let her know if they were planning a pre-conference. Information is needed so that space can be provided. CASE is planning a pre-conference on review of law on discipline. DDD is planning to have a pre-conference. There are no policies regarding the conference.
- **Board Leadership training:** President Atkins discussed the strategic plan and indicated that she would like a day for a retreat to focus on the strategic plan in order to get back to our mission, the students and to build our team. After much discussion, it was agreed that the retreat/strategic plan session would take place prior to the September board meeting at 9:30 a.m. on the same day as the board meeting.
- **Other:** No other topics were discussed.

V. Officer Reports

- **2009-2010 budget proposal by treasurer, Audie Alumbaugh:** Kirkpatrick presented the attached proposed budget. She indicated some shrinkage in revenue and said that the budget was a conservative one. After a careful review, the budget was accepted with Rainbolt moving, LaRosa seconding and a unanimous vote carrying the motion.
- **2009-2010 conference report presented by vice president, Jill LaRosa:** Vice President LaRosa talked about rewarding members by giving them a \$10 gift certificate to the vendors' booths at the conference. She thanked Jenny and Jill Simpson for their help. Mary Newport will be the keynote speaker. Jill has met with Jill Simpson about the exhibits, and she has received many proposals for presentations.

VI. Adjourn

At 10:30, President Atkins called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Love, seconded by Piker. The meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kohler, AR-CEC Secretary