

**Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children
Board of Directors' Meeting
September 14, 2010**

Members Present: Jill LaRosa, DeeDee Cain, Patty Kohler, Kathleen Atkins, Jon Rainbolt, Dean Newell, Laura Bunch, RoseMerry Kirkpatrick, Leslie Rush, Courtney Williams, Vickie Johnston

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by President LaRosa. A quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes

Secretary Kohler passed out copies of minutes from the 6/1/10 board meeting. DeeDee Cain moved and Jon Rainbolt seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Board Wiki Training by Vickie Johnston

Before this board meeting, Vickie Johnston conducted ARCEC Board training on use of a wiki. The wiki was set up, and board members were instructed in how to use the wiki.

IV. Officer Reports

a. President LaRosa

President LaRosa indicated that the conference theme was *Choosing to Make a Difference*. Becky Watkins, vice president, has resigned, and President LaRosa appointed Paul Johnston for a one year term to serve as VP. Vickie Johnston will assume the duties of Communications Chair during this time.

b. President Elect DeeDee Cain

DeeDee shared the proposed conference program. She indicated that presenters will be asked to share their handouts electronically. It was shared that the convention center does not do digital recordings; this is done by AV Arkansas. There will be a variety of speakers. Arkansas Easter Seals is presenting six sessions. There are currently 26 vendors occupying 36 booths. It is not known yet if JEdI will sponsor the social. Members need to bring silent auction items to Leslie Rush. The 2011 conference will be held November 9-11, 2011. DeeDee will investigate securing *Save the Date* magnets. There will be one pre-conference (ARCASE). RoseMerry will draft a letter to past presidents, inviting them to attend, and she will send this to DeeDee for review. There will be no copy machine access at the convention center. This information will be included in a letter to vendors and presenters. SCEC will make "Room Full" signs for use at the conference. Students are going to stuff the conference bags. The board meeting will be on Friday at 11:45, possibly in the Arlington Room. Jon asked for room requests and shared the conference committee (attached).

c. Past President, Kathleen Atkins

Kathleen asked for members to think about members to run in upcoming elections.

d. Secretary, Patty Kohler

No report.

e. Treasurer, Audie Alumbaugh

The treasurer's report was shared by President Elect Cain. Currently, there is 172,08.52 in the bank. A contract for the ARCASE pre-conference is needed. ARCASE has a balance of 35,799.91.

f. Awards, Courtney Williams

There were two award nominations, and both will receive awards: Jon Rainbolt for Donna Reed, and Shirley Watson for Special Education teacher of the year.

g. Rep to Rep Assembly, Jon Rainbolt

The 2011 National Conference will be in MD April 25-28, 2011. Jon asked that Suzie Baker be reminded to set up a video and to ask, "Why am I a member of CEC?" at the AR conference

h. SCEC, Leslie Rush

Leslie shared the conference tee shirt design. She also asked for silent auction items and passed out a form for tax deductions. She asked if subdivisions wanted to facilitate sessions during the conference. She will make this request to subdivisions and set a deadline for response, and post this on the wiki. SCEC meets tonight.

i. Historian, RoseMerry Kirkpatrick

No report.

j. CAN, Dean Newell

Dean indicated that he has not received any correspondence from CAN. He indicated that some email contacts are inaccurate. Members will be asked to verify email addresses at the voucher booth at the conference.

k. ARCASE, Ron Love

Ron submitted a report (see attachment).

l. DADD, Vickie Johnston

Vickie indicated that DADD was considering proposing a topical conference in the spring, 2011.

V. Committee Reports

There were no reports made.

VI. Old Business

November Board Meeting

This meeting will be held on Friday of the conference at 11:45.

Award Reorganization

Kathleen moved and RoseMerry seconded that the 6/1/10 minutes about awards be changed to reflect that for this year only, there will be \$500 given to each recipient for a total of \$1000. Motion carried.

Tee Shirt Design

Leslie Rush shared the conference tee shirt design. It incorporates the conference theme and the state of Arkansas.

VII. New Business

There was no new business

VIII. Adjourn

Jon moved and Kathleen seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kohler, Secretary