

ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2011

HOT SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER

Call to Order: President DeeDee Cain welcomed all conference attendees. The conference theme is: "Where Common Core State Standards Meet Standards Based IEP." No formal agenda was provided.

The colors were presented and Angela Greenland led in the Star Spangled Banner. The invocation was led by John Bynum. President Cain asked if any members had died over the last year and one name was given: Tommy Broyles of North Little Rock. A moment of silence followed.

President Cain introduced the AR CEC Executive Board members. She gave a brief overview of conference activities and acknowledged Jon Rainbolt for his work as President Elect and Conference Chair.

Jon Rainbolt moved and Courtney Williams seconded that the Minutes from the 2010 General Membership Meeting be accepted.

President Cain reported that that ARCEC and ARCASE had worked together to award a series of grants totaling \$8,500 to classroom teachers to use to improve the instruction in their classrooms. She encouraged ARCEC members to continue to share their ideas on how the organization can best serve its membership.

Courtney Williams announced the winners of the classroom grants: Patricia Hill, Western Yell County; Terri Fowler, Rogers; Amanda Plendge, PCSSD, Murrill Taylor Elementary; Rachel Manis, Bentonville, Apple Glen Elementary; Donna Keyser, Cabot.

Renee Crowe presented the 2011 ARCEC Awards to:

Donna Reed Administrator Award: Peggy Squires-O'Riley, Westside Elementary, Greenbrier

Distinguished Special Education Teacher: Angela Donley, Fountain Lake School District

Distinguished General Education Teacher: Ginger Henson & Tandy Gray, Fountain Lake Middle

Distinguished Paraprofessional in Special Education: Tracy Watson, PCSSD

Jack Morgan Award for Professionals: Ashley Gregg, Physical Therapist at Greenbrier Public Schools

SCEC Student Members: Joy Dildine and Ashley Wooten, UCA

AR Student Achievement Award: Austin Losardo, Greenbrier Eastside Elementary School

Kimberly Davis presented the 2011 scholarship recipients: Rebecca Ann Carter and Mitchell Garrett Moix.

Paul Johnston, president of AR-DCDT, awarded the annual AR-DCDT to Cathy Davis of Fountain Lake High School. President Cain recognized Bonnie Boaz for winning the international CEC-DCDT transition award.

Past President Jill LaRosa was recognized for her service as ARCEC president during 2010-11. Jill encouraged CEC members to make nominations for the positions opening on the ARCEC Executive Board.

Leslie Rush, AR-SCEC Advisor, recognized students for their work in facilitating sessions at the conference. She also encouraged conference attendees to support students by purchasing a "Spread the Word" t-shirt or an item at the Silent Auction held during the President's Gala.

Treasurer Jill LaRosa indicated that there was \$113,004.16 in the ARCEC account.

Jill LaRosa moved that the meeting adjourn and Paula Woods seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Merry Kirkpatrick, Historian