

Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children

Board of Directors' Meeting

February 9, 2012

Members Present

Jon Rainbolt, President Elect

Paula Wood, Vice President

Patty Kohler, Secretary

Jill LaRosa, Treasurer

RoseMerry Kirkpatrick, Historian

Leslie Rush, SCEC Advisor

Kathleen Atkins, Appointed Representative

Muriel Sims, DEC President

Heather Lewis, CCBD Vice President

I Call to Order and Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by President Elect Jon Rainbolt. A quorum was established. Introductions were made by all attendees. Muriel Sims and Heather Lewis are new members.

II Minutes of Previous Meeting (November 8, 2012)

Paula moved and Jill seconded that we accept minutes from November, 2011 meeting. Passed unanimously.

III Old Business

- A. **Pre-Conference and Conference:** Jon indicated that the fall conference had 308 preconference attendees and 733 total attendees. Total expenditures were \$58,273.64 including reductions from DADD and ARCASE. Profit was \$80,109.98. Jon will pass along all conference information to Paula.
- B. **Webpage:** Adam has kept the webpage updated, and there is quite a bit of current information on the page. Members were urged to visit it.

III New Business

- A. President Comments:** Grant incentives for teachers-currently there are \$4000 allotted for 2012-2013 for this program. Board members were asked to spread the word and seek teachers to apply for this money. Patty was asked to check with Adam to ensure that the application deadline on the actual application read correctly, May 31, 2012. Mileage reimbursement has also increased to .555. There is a new SCEC chapter in Fort Smith UA system. All required information has been received. Leslie will check to see if there is any additional procedure or process needed in order to recognize this group. Before now, new groups have just been noted. Leslie will update SCEC bylaws this summer. The contact for the UAFS chapter is Laura Gann.
- B. Service and Publicize Service:** A reminder was made to all board members that we are a service organization.

V Officer Reports (Note: Officers without reports are not included)

- A. President Elect:** Jon is attending the national CEC for DeeDee. Jon asked about others attending. Patty is attending for Kathleen. \$3000 is in the budget for the representatives. There are \$10000 for other travel to national conferences. Paula and Jill will check to see if they can attend. DeeDee will be asked to survey other board members to see if they wish to attend.
- B. Vice President:** Paula has mailed letters to presenters with their evaluation tallies. Other information: Call for Papers, Exhibitors' information, is on the website. The theme for the 2012 conference is, "The Times, They Are 'aChanging".
- C. Past President and Treasurer:** Jill provided a written report. With checks all deposited and preconference costs accounted for, ARCEC has \$220,481.22 in the account. Mileage rate change was noted, and members were urged to let Jill know if a topical conference was planned. Jill has received one nomination for each office. She will make sure that all nominees are eligible, then send to Patty for posting on the website. Current slate will be removed pending this.
- D. Secretary and Communications Chair:** Patty urged members to consider mentorship and shared some correspondence from Pam Gillett. It was noted that Kim Davis recently lost her mother. Patty will correspond with Kim, expressing condolences. Items mentioned earlier (mileage and grant application form changes) will be updated on website.
- E. ARSCEC Advisor:** Leslie announced that there are new SCEC officers. These are included in her report. Dawn Bridges is president and Alisa Davis is vice president. Both will be attending the national conference in Denver. A retreat is scheduled in the spring.
- F. Historian:** RoseMerry motioned that the policy manual section K (SCEC) Association Advisor Roles and Responsibilities, reflect the following changes: (e) Present SCEC budget to AR-CEC Executive Committee at the first meeting of the new fiscal year; (f) Select a committee to audit the SCEC account annually and share the results with the ARCEC Executive Board at the final board meeting of the fiscal year. Paula seconded. Motion passed unanimously. RoseMerry provided copies of changes for all board members.
- G. CCBD/DEC:** These two subdivisions have been collaborating. Among the actions considered by the combined groups: provide silent auction items and conduct a business meeting for annual CEC conference; provide a scholarship; have a TEACCH presenter for 2012 conference.

H. AR-DADD: Becky Butler is the new president. Would like to pursue plans for an AR-DADD activity at the fall conference. A designated member will attend the Denver conference. Paula will contact Suzie and Becky regarding a proposal for a preconference or topical conference. Patty will post the appropriate form on the website once located by Jill.

VI Adjourn

After reminders about the summer retreat (June 13-14), the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 by Jon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Kohler, Board Secretary