

Arkansas CEC Board of Directors' Meeting

6/13/12

Attendees:

DeeDee Cain, President

Jon Rainbolt, President Elect

Patty Kohler, Secretary

RoseMerry Kirkpatrick, Historian

Stephanie Lawrence,

Jill LaRosa, Past President and Treasurer

Becky Butler, DADD President

Courtney Williams, Elected Rep to Rep

Muriel Sims, President, DED

Tosha Palmer, President, CCBD

Leslie Rush, Faculty Advisor SCEC

Kimberly Davis, Scholarship Chair

Call to Order (meeting guidelines): The meeting was called to order at 1:06. All members introduced themselves. DeeDee reviewed our mission, focus, and norms. She indicated that the meeting would start at 1:00 and end at 4:00. She emphasized sharing the workload in ARCEC. She reminded members that we are the vision and voice of special education.

Approval of Minutes on the February, 2012 Board Meeting: Courtney moved and Jon seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. **Webpage:** DeeDee asked that members check the webpage often. Jon asked that the report form be placed on the officer page.
- B. **Pre-Conference:** Paula Wood has resigned, and she was in charge of the conference. Jon referred to policy manual re: Paula's vacancy. Article VI indicates that an appointment be made until end of year (today). A vacancy in office of president elect means that the vice president be moved up to president elect until replaced by an elected successor. Discussion about the enormity of the conference occurred. Making the conference the responsibility of a committee, perhaps ad hoc, was mentioned with different individuals taking different

parts of the conference. This will be further discussed tomorrow. The policy manual has very little about the conference in it.

- C. **Certificates:** DeeDee passed out certificates for individuals who have served on the board.

New Business:

A. President Comments

- a. **Grant incentive for teachers.** DeeDee indicated that there were only three teachers who applied for the incentive grant. That will be talked about when the budget is reviewed.
- b. **New SCEC chapter in Fort Smith.** This must be in the minutes. Jon moved that Ft. Smith UA chapter be recognized so that they can be nationally recognized. RoseMerry seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Congratulations to Ft Smith's new SCEC chapter.
- c. **Dyslexia.** Joyce Elliot, AR legislator, has proposed that mandatory screening be provided for all kindergarten students for dyslexia. Parents are working to have dyslexia removed from IDEA because of the "wait to fail" model. DeeDee has been following discussion at the national level. In AR, momentum is building. DeeDee recently met with senators and about 200 parents. Parents, school districts, and others are involved in a heavy debate about funding and legislation. DeeDee gave board members the proposed bill. There is a new dyslexia task force through the ADE, special education section. National CEC is focusing a strand on dyslexia.
- d. **Dyslexia Keynote and break-out sessions.** DeeDee suggested having a dyslexia keynote. Jon noted that the ADE has suggested strands on CCSS. Presenters will be sought for each strand with the ADE's help. Standards-based IEPs must be written by April, 2013. Texas Scottish Rites Hospital is interested in providing information on dyslexia. DADD is thinking about doing a preconference and provide a strand with emphasis on hands-on materials and/or autism. Vicki King, dyslexia expert, is a possibility for preconference or conference speaker. A make and take strand was also suggested.
- e. **Timeline for Conference-** DeeDee reviewed list and asked Board to review and take ownership of some of the tasks. Discussion was held re: whether or not to get a new storage building for CEC "stuff" or to give to Jon to store.
- f. **It was requested that during the February Board meeting Dee Dee bring all of the CEC Archive totes. Board members will each take a box and we can weed out unnecessary items at that time under the supervision of RoseMerry.**
- g. **Leadership Training in Arlington in July-** Stephanie (VP)Lawrence and DeeDee will attend. Jon made motion that if National CEC will pay for Stephanie to go then ARCEC will pay for DeeDee to attend as well. Jill seconded the motion. A discussion was held regarding the expenses to be allotted for DeeDee. Friendly amendment was made by Jon to set cost **at \$3000 max to cover all expenses.** Seconded by Jill. Board voted and all were in favor.

h. Officer Reports-

President Elect -see report ☺ Presidential Advisory Committee meets tonight- (president, past president, elected rep.)following today's meeting.

Vice President-Vacant at this time

Past President-(Jill)-shared copy of election results; only 9 votes were cast. A discussion of ways to increase interest to run for office on Board was held. It was suggested that members bring voting to conference and to offer bios on all candidates that are running for office in order to inform voters prior to casting their votes. It was brought up about developing an electronic and a hard copy version of a brochure to display specific officer descriptions. (RoseMerry and Rene' volunteered to take on this task)

Secretary-no report

Treasurer-see report. There was a discussion on the need to keep or remove some line items in budget. It was decided to make the proposed budget for topical conference balance from \$6000 to a zero balance. Members suspended the report to add what changes are needed from Board reports. We will wait until tomorrow's meeting to review the budget for the upcoming year.

* Got a card from Audie thanking CEC Board for the plant sent to school.

Scholarship- 5 applied for Ada Thompson and 5 for CEC Scholarships

Awards-8 awards will be awarded at the conference in the Fall. Rene'made a motion to extend the awards deadline to increase the opportunity for more applications to be submitted. Jill seconded this motion. Discussion-the Awards committee will look at this situation and see how to make this process more efficient. The motion was withdrawn by Rene' and Jill agreed with this withdrawal.

Elected Rep-see report

Appointed Rep-no report

AR-SEC Student Advisor-see report. Collecting silent auction items. Would like to host a pre-conference session. T-shirts are being designed by students and they are looking for a cause to promote.

Membership-no report

Communications-No report

Historian-no report

CAN-no report

AR CASE-see report

CCBD and DEC-see report...looking to host a topical conference in the Spring, possibly Joe Gentry. The topic will be behavior.

DCDT-no report

DDD-no report

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM for Officer Training.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kohler and Courtney Williams (for Patty Kohler)

