

**Pennsylvania Association for Adult and Continuing Education
Board Meeting
February 10, 2005
Hershey, PA**

Attending:

Karen Warner; Ruth Love-Schooley; Susan Mansuetti; Libby Wilson; Chuck Klinger; Trenton Ferro; Dave Manzo; Frank Nardone; Bob McNeill; KayLynn Hamilton; Karen Mundie; JoAnn Weinberger; Elaline Green; Gary Dean; Scot Mentzer; Emmett Baxendell; Mary Anne Varacalli; Debbie Hrach; Joan Leopold; Mary Kay Peterson; Raiana Mearns; Tana Reiff; Rob Bender; Linda Herr; Barb Van Horn; Victoria Fisher

Minutes:

January minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report:

Frank shared the year end balance with the Board and reported that the actual balance should be better reflected in the March report. Treasurer's Report accepted.

Executive Director Report:

Joan told us who would need to sit at the head table for the PAACE luncheon. Carol Shefrin will present the COABE raffle and Rose Brandt will introduce the APEX and Honor Roll winners.

Officers Reports:

President:

Mary Kay reported that the Marketplace seemed to clear out early Wednesday evening. Maybe because of the administrative meeting and the ice cream socials.

1st Vice President:

Bob said he would remind the conference attendees to fill out the evaluation forms. He also thought that perhaps the Marketplace might not have been well attended was that people went to dinner. Perhaps the Marketplace should open earlier next year.

2nd Vice President:

no report

Division Reports:

ESL:

Elaine reported that about 30 people attended the ice cream social. Along with other things discussed, they did a team building game.

AB/SE:

Chuck reported that about 25 people attended the ice cream social. He encouraged each person to pay attention to the legislative alert emails sent by JoAnn Weinberger. Since the Division Chair will be open next year, Libby Wilson agreed to Co-Chair with another person who would be from the Eastern part of the state. They will continue to look for someone to Co-Chair.

CEA:

Mary Anne will be holding a division lunch on Friday. She encouraged everyone to visit the table at the Marketplace.

TLC:

Amy Wilson has resigned as Chair of the TLC Division. That will need filled.

Family Literacy:

Ruth reported that there was a very good showing at the Marketplace for people to meet with Mr. McFeely. The division will hold a lunch on Friday. Representatives from three programs will be honored for the best practice award. Julie Shumaker will replace Ruth as Co-Chair of the division. Susan reported that there were a lot of sweaters collected for the Interfaith Missions for homeless families.

Workforce:

About 12 people attended the ice cream social. They were unable to find a Division Chair to replace Laura Beach.

Corrections Ed:

Rob reported that at their session there was about 90% more educators from county jails as compared to the SCIs. County jails differ from SCIs in their educational situations. He feels that there should be a Co-Chair for this division from the county jail people.

Regional Representatives Reports:

East:

Central:

West:

Emmett reported that since the closing of the Connelley Skills Center he has asked the State GED office to allow another test center to be opened. Raiana did a survey in the area and felt other test centers were able to handle test candidates.

Committee Reports:

Awards:

No report

Budget, Finance, Fiscal:

No report

Commonwealth Libraries:

No Report

Constitution, By-laws and Resolutions:

There were thirty-one responses to the acceptance of the By-laws. Thirty said “yes – go ahead”. All Division Chairs are now voting members, and the former Publications Committee will become the Communications Committee and the Journal Committee.

Legislative:

JoAnn reported that President Bush recommended a cut of 66% to the National Adult Education for next year’s budget. That would mean a cut of 75% to Pennsylvania. He also recommended 0% to Even Start. JoAnn reminded us that there are three legislative workshops where a lot of brainstorming will be held. She encouraged everyone to attend. JoAnn also encouraged us to send letters to our legislators and letters to newspaper editors in support of adult education. She will use the PAACE listserv to get information out to PAACE members and encourage them to support letter writing to legislators. JoAnne recommended that 1) Regional Representatives and Division Chairs should meet to get legislative support; and 2) that PAACE should be prepared to spend more money on legislative efforts.

Membership:

KayLynn reported that about 150 people registered for the conference as nonmembers. She will contact them and invite them to join.

Nominations and Elections:

The slate of officers sent to members was voted on; there were no write ins.

PDE:

Raiana reminded us that the Bureau of ABLE cannot do any advocating for adult education; that needs to be done by the general public. She said that somehow this message should get out to others as well.

Publications:

Tana reminded us that the deadline for the spring newsletter is March 14th. She also told us to feel free to send documents to her for the website.

Journal of Lifelong Learning:

Gary and Trenton said that the Journal is now at the printers and should be ready to be mailed by the end of the month.

Strategic Planning:

No Report

Technology:

Scot thanked Tana for her work on the website. The PAACE listserv is not being moderated – anyone can sign up, but he feels those that are signing up are members. Scot also thought that perhaps some members are unsubscribing since there seems to be a low number of subscribers to the listserv.

Old Business:

- Research Conference asked for \$580. It was approved as requested. PAACE will ask for documentation on the costs.
- AAACE Conference in Pittsburgh. Mary Kay hasn't gotten specifics of what they want us to do for Co-Chairing the conference. The request has come pretty much at a late date. Mary Kay is cautious in okaying PAACE as Co-Chair without more specifics. Dave Manzo and Trento Ferro will meet with Clair Klunk and Cli Anderson to clarify specifics.
- COABE – Chuck is working with convention planning people in Philadelphia as to the demographics (numbers for breakout rooms, etc.) of the conference. He said they were optimistic about having it in 2007. They are getting bids on hotels and convention center. Chuck met with Gail Lawson from COABE and she said that ProLiteracy is still interested in Co-Chairing the event with PAACE. The revenue we would get would be higher than what we make from holding the Midwinter Conference. So we would still make money even if we shared the revenue with ProLiteracy. Joan reported that if we would want to look at holding the conference in Hershey, Hershey could accommodate 1200 people and Hershey would have a National draw.

Mary Kay thanked everyone for a year of support to her Presidency.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Submitted By

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