

November Reports

President's Report
Tana Reiff

Since the last board meeting:

- Sent letters to Gov. Rendell, Education Secretary Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, and Labor & Industry Acting Secretary Sandi Vito, in response to PAACE correspondence, as determined at the October board meeting.
- Worked with Debbie Hrach on nominations. I have asked Debbie to present a slate of officers for board approval November 11.
- Consulted with Diane Inverso and the conference planning committee on various conference matters.
- Designed a promotional brochure for the conference, which went to the printer today, and a one-page flier to be distributed as a PDF.
- Proposal to present a roundtable, "Serving on the PAACE Board," submitted with Lori Keefer, was accepted. Board input and attendance welcome!
- As of November 6, PAACE's *Keep Adult Education in the Department of Education!* petition has 2,448 signatures. Attached is a selection of comments submitted with signatures since the petition was sent to the Governor in August.

The agenda for Tuesday's meeting is also attached.

Call-in info for Tuesday 11/11, 10am:
Toll-free: 866.740.1260
Access Code: 2998912

1st VP Report

Greetings!

Progress continues on with planning for the midwinter conference.

All the selected presenters have been notified. Once we have verified their information we will continue the work on constructing a schedule. Making sure that rooms line up with people their various co presenters and their desired time is a challenge.

Vendors have been signing up in Gift Tool. We have 5 commercial vendors and 2crafters. Deadline for signing up is Jan 7.

Monica continues to work with Hershey Lodge in working through the logistics. We have found that you really have to stay on top of the staff to make sure things get answered and resolved.

The conference registration is almost complete and will be ready for the December 1 opening, Destiny has been keeping the website updated with all the latest information. Tana has completed the brochure and Bootsie has compiled the addresses.

This week I met with a committee lead by Susan Mansuetti that helped plan and discuss the activities and logistics for the Administrators Breakfast.

Lori has revised the evaluation forms based on the direction from the planning committee.

The announcement for the awards happened this month.

We found out this month that there will not be any research conference following the midwinter conference. Some of the logistics did not fall into place.

Diane Inverso

Legislative Report – submitted by JoAnn Weinberger

The PA Economy League Report to the State Workforce Investment Board once again took center stage. In Scranton, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, key meetings occurred. Thanks to Diana Statsman's meeting with Senator Mellow, the Governor's office and the Department of Education received communiqués from the Senator requesting that the Bureau of ABLE remain in the Department of Education. In Pittsburgh, the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council met with their delegation of representatives and senators. They shared the report and the request that the Bureau remain in the Department of Education. They were informed that legislation would be required, that no bill has been introduced, and that, if a bill was introduced, public hearings would be held. In Philadelphia, the Center for Literacy met with Representative Jim Roebuck, the chair of the House Education Committee. He said that before any legislative action took place public hearings would be conducted. He was particularly interested in whether or not the Governor had weighed in.

JoAnn Weinberger

Commonwealth Libraries Report

- Assisted in advertising the conference RFP by submitting to various discussion lists multiple times.
- Am poised to send out the conference registration information to the discussion lists beginning Dec 1st.

I will not be able to join the conference call.

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Communications report

Hi everyone,

The conference page on the website has been updated with the latest conference news. Please keep in mind that we will be publishing the winter edition of PAACE. Please feel free to start sending me news ideas from now. With the holidays, I'd like to try to get the edition out by the week of the 15th so the deadline will be pushed up earlier.

I think I will be participating in the conference call.

Thanks,
Destiny

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Bureau Board Report

The Bureau has been finishing up all of the details surrounding the Bureau sessions for the PAACE Midwinter Conference. Plans for the ABLE Administrators Breakfast to be held on the Friday morning of the conference are continuing.

I will not be on the conference call on Nov. 11.

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Membership Board Report

New and renewal PAACE memberships have been trickling in on GiftTool. I am working on instructions (including screen shots) for both new memberships and renewals and hope to have them ready to be added to the "Join PAACE" page within the next week. I then plan to send an e-mail out to all members with the new membership year information.

I plan to be on the conference call on November 11.

Suzanne
Membership

ABSE Board Report

With the help of Chrissy Goodwin in our office, I have gone through last years snail mail list and made the corrections and additions that we could. We have updated many outside of PA addresses and with the help of many of you have added new names. Lori Gochnauer of Whitmore Printing has been an excellent resource and help. I have forwarded the list to Tana but if there are any other names to be added within the next few days, please send to me and will update the information.

The list will never be perfect, it always needs work.

I will be at the LD Academy on the 11 and will not be on the phone call.

Bootsie

ESL Division Report

Pax et bonum all!

We are currently working on having the USCIS (Citizenship and Immigration Services) offer a short presentation about the new citizenship interview at the ESL Luncheon during the MWC.

I attended a day-long presentation on that subject in Columbus, OH at OH-TESOL. While there, I met several people who could be important contacts for future networking, including the NE OH PDC (ARC) Director. She was very interested in networking with us in PA. She is also the ESL Coordinator for all of OH. The presentation I attended was a pre-conference to OH-TESOL. Unlike our TESOL branches in PA (Phila/Pgh), Ohio's has a major section for adult ed practitioners, not just research.

I have also made initial contacts with NYS TESOL (Adult SIG), and AAACE. AAACE is currently reorganizing and do not have an ESL-specific contact.

We are still looking into possibilities for visiting the Capitol and other "touristy" things during the MWC.

Cathie and I will be participating in the conference call next week.

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