

**ABEA Board Minutes**  
**August 23, 2013**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**Junior Achievement Headquarters, Tempe, AZ**

- I. Call to Order: 8:07 am by President Bill Palmer. Bill welcomed Christy Ekroth, the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) President.
- II. The minutes to the last meeting were distributed and there was a motion made to accept the minutes as amended from Robby LaPlante and seconded by Anne Wisener.

III. Attendees:

Bill Palmer.....	President.....	Present
Ryan Hamilton .....	President-Elect (appointed).....	Present
Anne Wisener .....	Past-President.....	Present
Chris Liebelt-Garcia.....	Secretary (Interim).....	Present
Martha Rada .....	Treasurer .....	Present
Elena Sobampo.....	Treasurer-Elect (appointed).....	Present
Kim Salazar .....	Membership Chair .....	Not Present
Ryan Hamilton .....	Conference Director.....	Present
Barbara Renner.....	Webmaster .....	Present
Robby LaPlante .....	Newsletter Editor .....	Present
Lisa Long.....	Historian.....	Not Present
Elaine Sombrero .....	Northern Secondary Representative.....	Not Present
Marcia Mendoza.....	Southern Secondary Representative .....	Present
Chris Liebelt-Garcia.....	Central Secondary Representative .....	Present
Michelle Goodman.....	Middle School/Junior High Representative .....	Not Present
Shelley Chandler .....	Post-Secondary Representative.....	Not Present
Susan Leon .....	Awards Chair .....	Not Present
Kris Sheets.....	Legislative Chair .....	Present
Dr. Janet Gandy.....	Scholarship Committee Chair .....	Present
Brent Sebold.....	Editor, ABEA Journal.....	Present
Dr. Robert Gryder .....	Associate Editor, ABEA Journal .....	Not Present
Chris Liebelt-Garcia.....	ACTE <sub>AZ</sub> Summer Conference Representative .....	Present
Shea Padilla .....	State Supervisor, ADOE Representative .....	Present
Kris Sheets.....	NBEA/WBEA Representative .....	Present
Ryan Hamilton .....	FBLA Representative.....	Present
Bill Palmer.....	ACTE <sub>AZ</sub> Board of Directors Representative .....	Present
Rebecca McGinnis .....	.....	Guest
Sylvia Yslas .....	.....	Guest
Joe Galish .....	.....	Guest
Otis White .....	.....	Guest
Christy Ekroth, WBEA President.....	.....	Guest

IV. Reports:

- a. Bill Palmer, President, conducted a discussion on the 2013-2014 Executive Board slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee. Barbara pointed out that the current slate had President-Elect and Treasurer being the same person. This would not be a good idea because the signing authorities on the checking account would be the same person. Since Treasurer is a 2-year position, the President-Elect would become President in the second year of the Treasurer's term. The nominating committee agreed to change the President-Elect position to Elena Sobampo and the Treasurer position to Rebecca McGinnis. The following slate was presented to the Executive Board for approval:

President	Ryan Hamilton
President Elect	Elena Sobampo
Secretary	Sylvia Yslas
Treasurer	Rebecca McGinnis
Treasurer Elect	Open
Newsletter Editor	Robby LaPlante
Webmaster	Stephen Pena
Membership Chair	Marcia Mendoza
Conference Chair	Julie Ellis
Historian	Chris Liebelt-Garcia
Northern Secondary Rep.	Christine Black
Central Secondary Rep.	Susan Leon
Southern Secondary Rep.	Jennifer Miller
Middle/Jr. High Rep.	Kris Kwant
Post-Secondary Rep.	Otis White

Robby LaPlante made a motion to accept the nominating committee's slate for the 2013-2014 Executive Board and Ryan Hamilton seconded. Motion passed.

- b. Ryan Hamilton, Conference Chair, stated that he will hand out the awards on behalf of Susan Leon with Chris Liebelt-Garcia's help at the TLC Awards Luncheon. Awards and checks will be distributed to the winners.
  - c. Ryan went over the layout of the conference and introduced Trevor Young as his assistant at FBLA AZ. There was also discussion of the layout of the room for the opening session and round tables. Dan Brown will be our keynote for day 2. The JA presentation starts at 11:30 a.m. The top 4 winners of the JA Challenge will receive gifts. A folder for JA was distributed. At 4:15 p.m. we will head back to Embassy Suites and leave the hotel at 7:00 p.m. for dinner at Cheesecake Factory.
  - d. The outline of today's Annual ABEA Meeting was reviewed. Minutes to the last annual meeting will be distributed along with the treasurer's report. The new ABEA Board Slate will be announced and voted on. The WBEA President will be introduced. Kris Sheets will also collect money for the artichoke pull that raises funds for scholarships. The name of the artichoke this year is Dakota Choke. The outgoing board members will receive gifts tomorrow at lunch.
  - e. The 2015 WBEA Conference Planning Committee meeting will follow tomorrow's ABEA/FBLA Conference.
  - f. There was discussion of a business education night out. A suggestion of maybe a tour of Chase Field and bowling this time.
- V. Bill welcomed Christy Ekroth, WBEA President, to our conference. Christy spoke to the Board about the 2014 WBEA Conference that is going to be held in Portland, Oregon in February.
- VI. Robby moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 am. Anne Wisener seconded the motion and it passed.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Chris Liebelt-Garcia  
ABEA Secretary (Acting)