

ARIZONA BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING  
 Friday, April 20, 2007  
 Chaparral Suites Hotel, Scottsdale, Arizona

Silman, Neala	President	Not Present
Jones, Jaci	Secretary	Present
Thompson, Rochelle	Treasurer	Present
Hill, Janet	Treasurer-Elect	Present
Hernandez, Abel	Past-President	Present
Carlos, Bennie	President-Elect	Present
Simmons, Linda	Membership Chair	Present
Liebelt-Garcia, Chris	Historian	Not Present
Sombrero, Elaine	Northern Secondary Representative	Present
Rankin, Eleanore	Southern Secondary Representative	Not Present
Sebold, Brent	Post Secondary Representative	Present
	Middle/Jr. High Representative	Vacant
Bribiescas, Sonia	WebMaster	Present
Cannell, Nori	Newsletter Editor	Not Present
Dr. Robert Gryder Dr. Rader, Martha	ABEA Journal Editors	Not Present Not Present
Fladhammer, Dana	Awards Committee Chair	Not Present
Powers, Sally	Legislative Committee Chair	Present
Young, Wayne	Scholarship Committee Chair	Present
Sheets, Kris	2008 WBITE Conference Committee Chair	Not Present
Chris Liebelt-Garcia	2007 Summer Conference Committee Co-Chair	Not Present
Dr. Gandy, Janet	State Supervisor, ADOE	Present

Ms. Cheryl Christiansen from Desert Edge High School was present as a guest at the meeting.

President Elect Bennie Carlos called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Minutes for the February 3, 2007, Board Meeting were distributed and reviewed. Wayne Young made a motion to accept the Minutes as corrected (seconded by Sonia Bribiescas). The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Rochelle Thompson read the Treasurer's report. She filed a current Balance Sheet and Income Statement with the Secretary. A motion was made by Wayne Young to accept the Treasurer's report without amendments or corrections, as presented. Motion seconded by Janet Hill; passed unanimously.

Linda Simmons, Membership Chair sent e-mails to all members that attended the conference last year to remind them to clean out in boxes so they will still have the ability to receive e-mails. Linda has ABEA interest cards and will have them at the registration table and on the lunch tables at the conference.

Sally Powers distributed the Legislative report. She highlighted points of interest from the report. The Bush administration is looking at easing some of the restrictions of NCLB for Special Education students. HB 2376 Schools: Personalized learning plans; are not currently mandatory but Superintendent Horne is very interested in this. Discussion ensued regarding AZCIS vs Kuders. HB 2141 Retirement; ASRS benefits; point threshold current law the Rule of 80 governs retirement. The bill changes the normal retirement status from **80** to **85** points. It also changes the average monthly compensations calculator. HB 2372 High School nutrition standards creates separate nutrition standards for high schools that would be implemented by July 15, 2008. HB 2731 Teachers; minimum salary would establish a minimum teacher salary of \$33,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2007-2008.

Elaine Sombrero, Northern Secondary Representative orally presented her report. Distance learning is taking place in her region involving seven schools. One teacher is teaching and the other teachers are moving around the room answering questions and helping and monitoring students. In June teachers will go to NAU to network and create lesson plans. Students attended the Northern Skills events where they competed in various business related events. At the conclusion of Elaine's report Bennie Carlos suggested that we must "push membership" in all regions for next year, especially since we are hosting WBITE 2008.

Eleanore Rankin, Southern Secondary Representative is currently working on the summer conference. No written report was submitted.

Wayne Young, Scholarship Committee Chair presented the secretary with a copy of his report. The committee met and selected two award winners. Wayne thanked the committee and Dr. Gandy for keeping him focused. Discussion ensued regarding the LL Vie scholarship. It was originally set up for Business and Computer majors that must attend a Maricopa Community College. Wayne commented that most candidates for the scholarships were from the Phoenix area.

Dr. Janet Gandy presented Kris Sheets' WBITE report to the secretary and addressed the board.

ABEA is hosting WBITE in 2008. There will be no ABEA conference next year. It is Bennie's responsibility to bring greetings at the WBITE conference. Time was requested for Linda Simmons and Chris Liebelt-Garcia to talk at the luncheon tomorrow. Linda will also distribute WBITE flyers on the tables. Question for the Board: **Who is responsible for submitting names to the WBITE Awards Committee?** Also, Kris is requesting **time at the summer conference New Teacher Workshop to give two free NBEA/WBITE memberships away.**

Dr. Janet Gandy distributed her report to the Board. AIMS test results from April will be published June 17, 2007. CTE AZ has submitted a one year plan to the US Office of Education for AZ to continue receiving Federal Carl Perkins funds. The AZ Business Education Advisory Council has four goals for this year: **Update** business education curriculum (including state program assessments), **Expand** opportunities for business teacher professional development, **Promote** FBLA/PBL in the community, and **Expand** outreach to the business community. The State Board of Education hears information item regarding the Economics requirement. This is still an **information item** – not an action item. They meet again in May. A/P meeting July 23-26 Summer Institute at Pinnacle High School. Financial Services and Entrepreneurship program standards meet the Economics AP standards. Your students would still have to pass the Economics test. There is a slow progress on the end of program assessments. Teachers must have the SEI endorsement if you are renewing, extending, or converting your teaching certificate.

The Summer Conference Committee would like to have a treasure chest at the registration table and request time at lunch. New teacher workshop attendees and summer conference committee members get paid ABEA memberships. **Make sure we have a separate item on the WBITE registration for ABEA membership for the 2008 year.**

Past President Abel Hernandez was present and handed the slate of officers to the President-Elect. He is still accepting nominations for Treasurer-Elect and President-Elect positions. The Middle School and Central Secondary Representative positions will be vacant until the elections at the annual meeting.

#### New Business

Sonia Bribiescas, Web Master will remove all officers' personal information from the ABEA web site.

Janet Hill made a motion to have ABEA use \$104 of the money budgeted for the summer conference. The motion was seconded by Elaine Sombrero. Motion passed unanimously.

Linda Simmons distributed a handout titled **New Business Educator Support Initiative**. This is a program that is supported by the Board and will be introduced to the general members of ABEA at the meeting tomorrow. A committee called the New Business Educator Support Committee will be formed. Responsibilities and qualities of a mentor are listed on the handout. The program will be an online mentoring initiative to provide formal and informal networking to business teachers throughout our state. Overwhelming support was given for this program from Board members in attendance. Linda will share this with members tomorrow.

Cheryl Christiansen, Desert Edge High School was present and thanked the Board on behalf of her

FBLA student that won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the State Leadership Conference in the FBL competition. A monetary award was given by ABEA.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaci Jones  
ABEA 2006-2007 Secretary

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- I. Amendment – Proposed written amendment to Article VI, Section 3. Appoint the Secretary duties to include updating and maintenance of business cards and letterhead for the organization.
- II. Next meeting to be held Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at Loew’s Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson at the Summer CTE Conference.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. White Paper/Policy Statement/Position Statement regarding FBLA Stipend for Teachers.
2. Recruitment Issues:
  - a. "What's in it for me?" The Teacher that doesn't join ABEA and/or attend conferences
  - b. "What's in it for us?" Promote awareness of Leadership Programs
3. Amend By-Laws to add Letterhead and Business Cards to Secretary's duties.
4. Creation of a New Member Packet.