

ABEA Debriefing Meeting Notes

June 9, 2007

Desert Hills High School

Although this was not an official meeting, I thought taking written notes would be a positive thing because there were several people not in attendance. With these notes, everyone can review the topics that were discussed at the meeting.

ABEA Spring Conference 2007

Many people stated that the registration got out late.

SUGGESTION: make sure registration is put out weeks early because some people have the deadline of April 1st from their district.

It was also discussed about the award winner learning too late to invite them to the award luncheon.

SUGGESTION: notify all possible award winners a least one week before the conference and encourage them to attend the luncheon. Also set a date that all award nominees need to be submitted by.

There was positive comments about the presenters and that the setting at the hotel was perfect; however, that the hotel was too expensive (at least for the sleeping rooms).

It was discussed that a lot of money was spent on plaques and that the scholarship award money was too high.

SUGGESTION: do not give out awards/plaques to the ABEA Board members (saving \$400) and review the amount of money given to scholarships (just because it was given in the past, does not mean we have the money for it right now).

ACTION ITEM: Bennie needs to talk to the new conference director, Kelly Madison, about all the issues about this conference, and discuss ABEA 2009.

New Business

There was discussion of creating a conference planning committee so one or two people would not be responsible for the whole conference.

SUGGESTION: new conference director, Kelly Madison, creates a committee to help her with the next ABEA conference.

The ACTE AZ summer conference in Tucson is our next big event. We currently only have 25 paid members of ABEA, we need to market more at the conference. There was discussion about new member packets and promotion at the New Teacher session, FBLA Yearly planning meeting, and the ABEA luncheon. There was an agreement to place dots on all ABEA members name tag so they could be identified to the new ABEA members in case they had questions. This would be a good networking opportunity.

SUGGESTION: all ABEA members wear a colored dot at the ACTE summer conference to be identified to new members.

ACTION ITEM: All board members need to recruit at the ACTE summer conference. Jaci Jones will be signing people up on the spot and will have receipts for them.

ACTION ITEM: Bennie and Jaci will attend the New Teacher meeting, the FBLA Yearly Planning meeting, and the ABEA luncheon to promote and sign up members.

The group as a whole was disappointed about the turn out for this debriefing meeting. Attendance at all meetings has been low in the last few years. There needs to be open discussion of how to get more people involved and attending meetings.

SUGGESTION: contact and e-mail all members that could not attend the meeting with the minutes.

Upcoming ABEA Board Meetings

Wednesday, July 18, 2007, 8:00 a.m., ACTE AZ Summer Conference. Location: Executive Board Room, Loews

Saturday, November 17, 2007, 10:00 a.m. Location: tentative in Casa Grande

Thursday, January 31, 2008, 6:00 p.m. prior to Mid-Year Business Education Meeting, Location: to be determined

Monday, May 26, 2008, 8:30 a.m., WBITE Conference, ABEA Board Meeting (and awards session), Location: Scottsdale Plaza Resort.