

ACCESS Board Minutes
Bi-monthly Conference Call
March 4, 2010

Present: Mary Garguile, Carrie Nepstad, Elisa Huss-Hage, Crystal Swank, Debra Murphy, Kim Horejs, Joan Klinkner, Marcia Rysztak, Polly Parker, Sandra Hackley, Lisa Stein, and Trude Puckett

Absent: Nancy Beaver, Nancy Gabriel, Cheryl Bulat, Joyce Nelson, Judy Sherwood, Kathy Allen, Pam Briggs, Susan Wyatt, and Connie Walton

The meeting was called to order by Mary Garguile, president.

Topic: Minutes

Discussion: The minutes of the February 12th conference call were reviewed. The motion was made and seconded for the minutes to be approved. It passed.

Topic: President's report

Discussion: Mary will talk with Sharon James and/or Sara Davis' husband about creating a logo and making it available electronically for board members. Mary will also purchase a retractable banner for about \$300.00 and a table cloth with our new logo and name.

Mary made the suggestion that since the ACCESS day during the PDI conference is Monday would we consider having a 3 hour board meeting on Sunday, June 6th, ending with dinner as long as it does not interfere with other responsibilities of the board at the conference. We all agreed that this would be best since having the meeting after the conference is difficult for some board members.

Topic: Treasurer's report

Discussion: Elisa has sent the 2010 approved budget electronically to the board and will give a quarterly report at our next meeting. We have an official 176 members with 4 new members waiting to be processed.

Topic: President Elect's report

Discussion: The theme at PDI will be teacher research. Carrie suggested we reach out to request marketing ideas from our current and past membership. We might send our newsletter with a letter stating our desire to have them rejoin us to the past membership. She suggested we have a way to collaborate on projects. The web site might become a place for resources so that it becomes important in our daily lives. Carrie will send a copy of her own newsletter to board members desiring to see it, as an example of the types of resources we might offer.

Lisa suggested she might create a sample case study of a college as it goes through the self-study process. This led to other suggestions of our own members sharing their stories about going through the process. Carrie reminded us that these stories must be reflective in nature and since they would be our stories we wouldn't have to worry about confidentiality. Kim suggested we might develop a set of questions that would be answered based on our own experiences. Then a variety of solutions could be seen so members would see there is not a right or wrong way to walk through the process. Accreditation is a big movement across our country and information would be a great benefit to our members. Elisa will present these ideas to Alison for their appropriateness.

Mary suggested we might divide the board into teams and provide members with a list of colleges with an AA degree in Early Childhood so those colleges could be approached on a more personal level to join our organization. The development of a 'makeover' brochure could be used to demonstrate the value of ACCESS membership in their professional lives. Lisa will contact

Cengage again about their willingness to put information about ACCESS in some of their promotional materials.

Topic: Vice President of Communication:

Discussion: Crystal sent the board two questions for a response. It was agreed the board minutes would be available on the website. She also suggested we have two types of list serves, one that is interactive and one that is a distribution list only. The board agreed to both types. Crystal will ask Garrett to give us data about the number of hits we have each month and who is accessing our site.

Topic: Vice President of Professional Development:

Discussion: Debra is considering another article about teacher research as this is the emphasis of PDI. She would also like to see a place created for people to post their projects.

Topic: Vice President of Membership:

Discussion: Kim is in the process of examining membership forms for the focus areas so we can begin involving members in the activities of the organization. It was suggested that we identify the regional and state conferences so promotional materials might be distributed by some of our members during these meetings.

The new password for the website is **research**.

Kim asked about new membership cards which are needed by Connie. Mary will send those to her.

Topic: Old Business

Discussion: Sandra reminded us that a new chair for the SKiP committee which is appointed by the President. Sandra will send a list of current members to Mary so a new chair can be appointed. Debra and Sandra will make suggestions about the restructuring of the committee.

State Affiliate reports:

Connecticut - Polly reported that several members had not received the recent member benefit. Elisa will investigate this. Polly also reported that everyone was excited about the website and were using it.

Wisconsin – Joan reported that there will be a session about ACCESS at their state conference in November. They are working on ways to collaborate on NAEYC accreditation.

Next Conference Call:

The next executive board meeting will be Thursday, April 1, at 3:30 CST.

The next Bi-monthly board meeting will be Thursday, May 6, at 3:30 CST.

The PDI board meeting will be Sunday, June 6, with the time to be announced later.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Trude Puckett