

ACCESS Board Minutes
Board Conference Call
October 7, 2010

Present: Mary Garguile, Carrie Nepstad, Elisa Huss-Hage, Nancy Beaver, Crystal Swank, Kim Horejs, Polly Parker, Nancy Gabriel, Susan Wyatt, and Trude Puckett

Absent: Marcia Rystak, Debra Murphy, Cheryl Bulat, Joan Klinkner, Joyce Nelson, Judy Sherwood, Kathy Allen, Pam Briggs,

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

Topic: Minutes

Discussion: The vote to approve the minutes of the September conference call was delayed until the November meeting. Carrie sent her notes via email from that meeting.

It was suggested that a schedule be provided stating the months the Executive Board meets and the months when the entire board will meet. The times can be flexible since schedules change with each semester. Mary will send a form to members to state best available times for conference calls on the first Thursday of each month.

Topic: President's report

Discussion: Mary reported that two webinars in collaboration with CONNECT have been held. Cheryl Bulat and Lisa Stein were presenters during these webinars.

The logo has been completed and a CD will be mailed to board members that have a need to use it.

NAECTE is providing their journal to ACCESS members at a slightly reduced price.

Mary is doing a Teacher Research workshop for the faculty in Washington state.

Topic: Treasurer's report

Discussion: Elisa had sent the rebate checks to the affiliate treasurers. The following affiliate memberships reported for each state are: MI – 24; IL – 28; IA – 18; NY – 20; NC – 10; PA – 18; TX – 16; WI – 14; CT – 17.

Topic: President Elect's report

Discussion: According to the Conference schedule, the round tables will be first and then our keynote speaker will present. Cengage has requested at least ½ hour to speak and show examples of videos available. Nancy will work with Kara to possibly present after the round table discussions. Round table presenters are Kim, Cheryl, Lisa, Camille, and Debra. Please send your information to Debra as soon as possible and include your name, your title as well as ACCESS title, institution and state, roundtable discussion title, brief description, and resources.

Carrie is sending flowers from ACCESS to Gail Perry who is quite ill and hospitalized. She has also sent a not to Daniel Meir stating we would still like to continue with the ACCESS/Voices partnership.

Carrie will create a generic partnership agreement that can be individualized as we continue partnerships with Voices, NAECTE, and CONNECT.

Carrie is confirming the ballot before it is sent out to the membership by the listserv. We must allow 30 days for the voting.

Carrie is working with Pam Winton and other colleagues to have a blog to blog chat about the White House Summit on community colleges. The details are being worked out.

Proposals are due October 29th for PDI. The theme is Assessment and Curriculum. Please pass your ideas to Debra and Carrie.

During our joint meeting with NAECTE at the national conference, NAECTE will be presenting several awards. After discussion the motion was made by Kim and seconded by Nancy G. to present 2-3 awards. A certificate and \$100.00 will be given for each award. A subcommittee consisting of Carrie, Nancy B., and Elisa will create the name and criteria for each award. Elisa stated that a new line item needs to be created in the 2011 budget for these awards.

For additional information about each of the above topics, please refer to the report Carrie sent by email before the conference call.

Topic: Vice President of Collaboration's report

Discussion: Nancy B. is working on the collaboration for the reception. Cengage will provide lunch after the round table discussions. She is looking for a gook restaurant within walking distance for the board meeting on Tuesday evening at 6:00.

Topic: Vice President of Professional Development:

Discussion: Debra was unable to attend the conference call.

Topic: Vice President of Communication:

Discussion: Crystal sent an email with suggestions for publish dates for the newsletter. Crystal needs 3-4 weeks lead time to prepare it for printing. Carrie has an interview with a co-author of a book on inclusion that she would like to include in the next newsletter.

She is continuing to examine the format for the website. She is working with Andy to keep our current website current. Carrie mentioned that Sue Bredekamp has provided a statement that we can include on the new and improved website. Sue's contribution is as follows:

"Most people are not aware of the critical role that ACCESS played in the history of NAEYC's efforts to improve the professional development of early childhood educators. In the late 1980's when I was NAEYC Director of Professional Development, key ACCESS leaders petitioned the association to sponsor an accreditation system for associate-degree ECE programs. The staff and Board considered the suggestion by concluded that the more urgent need was an overall plan to improve professional development at all levels. This led directly to the launch of the Professional Development Institute (PDI) and a number of other projects. After many more years (too many, some ACCESS leaders would say), Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation (ECADA) became a reality and it is now one of NAEYC's most successful and important professional development activities."

Most of the content for the website and newsletter come from the board members.

Polly mentioned that some members are having difficulty with the listserv. Members can unsubscribe if they do not desire to participate.

Topic: Vice President of Professional Development

Discussion: Since Debra was unable to attend this conference call, Carrie reported the work they have been doing to prepare for the national conference and PDI.

Topic: Membership:

Discussion: Memberships that are received during the national conference will be for the 2011 membership year.

Kim would like to have a mini-meeting during national to discuss future member benefits. Kim and Mary will also have a conference call prior to the national conference

She also suggested there be a link placed on the website for each state affiliate so they can provide information for their local membership. The question to be answered is "Would it be password protected?"

Topic: Mini-grants

Discussion: Applications have been sent to 4 groups requesting mini-grants. Susan is waiting for the final paperwork now. When the paperwork is complete she will ask for a subcommittee approval prior to recommending to the board for final approval. She will then send the information to Elisa via email with a cover letter to be sent with the money to the applicants.

Topic: State Affiliates

Discussion: Nancy G. will arrange a separate conference call with the state affiliate representatives so they will have more time to network with each other.

Michigan – Marcia reported their annual meeting will occur this Friday, October 8.

Connecticut – Polly reported all 12 colleges are working toward national accreditation.

Texas – Nancy B. reported for Pam Briggs that a new slate of officers have been elected.

Topic: Old Business

Discussion: Kim and Mary will have a conference call regarding future member benefits. The nominating committee has completed their work.

Topic: New Business

Discussion: There was no new business.

Best wishes to Polly and Marcia as they receive their peer review visits soon.

Next Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be November 2, 2010 in Anaheim at 6:00 pm.

The next Bi-monthly Board meeting conference call will be December 2, 2010 at 12:30 Pacific/3:30 Eastern standard time.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Trude Puckett