

**Montana Business Education Association  
Minutes, Annual Business Meeting  
Thursday, October 18, 2012  
Crowne Plaza, Billings, MT**

**I. Call to order**

President Scott Anderson calls the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**II. Introductions by Regina Wood**

President-Scott Anderson  
Past President-Regina Wood  
President Elect: Elaine Stedman  
Vice President-Doug Anderson  
Secretary-Julie Hanson  
Membership Director-Linda Cotton  
MACTE Executive Director-Mark Branger  
OPI and State BPA Advisor-Eric Swenson  
University of Montana-Sandra Williams

**III. Reports**

- A. Secretary: Julie Hanson presented minutes. Julie O'Dell moved to approve the 2011 MBEA Minutes. Kathy\_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer: Bertha Kirschten presented the Treasurer's Report. Elaine Stedman thanked Bertha for her hard work completing the budget. Julie O'Dell moved to approve. Sandra Williams seconded. Motion passed.
- C. Montana ACTE, Cheryl Graham stated that there is a concern at the low numbers attending the conference. There was discussion on the value of networking. Cheryl is asking that everyone brainstorm for ideas to draw more people to conference.
- D. Mark Branger, Executive Director, Montana ACTE, stated that although membership is at an all-time high, conference attendance looks to be the lowest in twelve years. What do we need to do differently to sustain conference? Is it the cost? Do we need to change the time of year? It was suggested to make sure that members are aware that they could use their Perkins to offset the cost. The bigger schools stated that they are not able to use the Perkins as it is funneled elsewhere. Would credits draw more members rather than renewal units? Sandra Williams said she will look into offering credits. Everyone seemed to appreciate this idea and seemed optimistic that this would help draw more attendees. Mark stated that we should expect Perkins 5 to look much different than Perkins 4. Every department will need a pathway not just one per school. Also, after the elections, expect a 20% cut in funds to balance the budget at the National Level. The numbers are unknown. There is legislation to increase funding to hire an Executive Secretary. There is a form to fill out to support the bill.
- E. Membership Director's Report-Linda Cotton. MBEA membership is up at 106 from 91 in professional members, including 3 information technology and 2 marketing professional members. The student members number 3 up 1 from last year. The organization has 1 retired. (Numbers taken from 10/15/2012 MACTE Roster) Current membership dues are \$15.00 for MBEA, \$50.00 for Montana ACTE, and \$80 for ACTE. We are still waiting for NBEA membership numbers.
- F. MBEA Website: Scott Anderson ([www.mbea.info](http://www.mbea.info)) Students will update website after conference.
- G. OPI Business and Marketing Education Specialist: Eric Swenson. Eric stated that he will give his update during the Business Education Update.

- H. BPA State Advisor: Eric Swenson will update during the Business Education Update.
- I. DECA State Advisor: Erin Weisgerber
- J. Post-Secondary:
  - a. University of Montana: Sandra Williams. Sandra stated that it is hard to get students into the Business Education Program. She currently has 13 students (8 are graduates that went out in workforce and now want to teach). She would like assistance in marketing the Business Education Program. Dennis LaBonty and Sandra would also like to know what we want/need offered for PIR in summer. She will send out a survey through Eric. The organization thanked Sandra and the University of MT Bookstore for providing door prizes for the 20<sup>th</sup> year.
  - b. University of Montana-Western: Eric Swenson reported for Denise Holland. Two current students: Patricia Hubbard and Thomas Schmidt. There are 8 students (traditional/internship) finishing BITE to become endorsed.
- K. WBEA/NBEA
  - a. WBEA-Ogden, UT, February 15-17, 2013
  - b. NBEA Annual Convention –Atlanta, GA, April 16-20, 2013
  - c. Region 5 ACTE- Salt Lake City, UT- April 11-13, 2013

#### **IV. Old Business**

- A. Shelly Stanton interviewed this morning as our 2012 Montana ACTE Award Nominee. Congratulations and Good Luck, Shelly.
- B. Doug Anderson, Park City High School

#### **V. New Business**

- A. 2012 Budget
  - a. Donations. Julie O’Dell motioned to approve \$100 donation to the Legislature to promote MT ACTE rotunda days. Elaine Stedman seconded. Motion passed.
  - b. BPA \$100 and DECA \$100 donation. Beth Lawrence motioned. Julie O’Dell seconded. Motion passed.
- B. 2017 WBEA: To be held in Bozeman, MT. This falls on Presidents Day and hotels may not give up space on last big ski weekend. Call for volunteers for planning committee. Volunteers: Janie, Elaine, Doug, Regina, Julie, Brad, Sandra, Linda, Shelly and Eric. Volunteers to meet directly after meeting.
- C. Rotunda Activity: Contact Kevin Fochs, Park City  
February 19<sup>th</sup>-CTSO showcase projects at Legislature-Business should have at least one
- D. Discussion about Perkins Funding going to other departments. Also discussion of special math endorsement for Business Teachers. Eric stated that he does not see the MT OPI considering or approving this.

#### **VI. Election of Officers: Regina Wood, MBEA Past President**

Regina called for nominations and stated that she had found volunteers for the two open positions. Shelly Stanton was nominated but Shelley stated that she would take a position but not if others already volunteered. Regina stated that Doug Anderson was willing to run for President Elect and Beth Lawrence as Secretary. Janie McFarland motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented. Cheryl Graham seconded. Motion passed.

#### **VII. Recognition of Colleagues and Retirees: Regina Wood, MBEA Past President**

Glenn Strader, Wolf Point was recognized as a retiree. The Certificate of Appreciation will be sent.

#### **VIII. Awards: Regina Wood, MBEA Past President Announcing Awards/Scott Anderson, President presenting**

- A. Rookie Business Teacher of the Year-no nominations

- B. Outstanding Young Teacher- 2 Strong Nominations, Brad Mehr and Nicole Begonvich. Nicole awarded.
- C. Outstanding Secondary Business Teacher of the Year-DeeAnn Weeks
- D. Outstanding Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year-No nominations
- E. Outstanding Collegiate Teacher of the Year-No nominations
- F. Distinguished Service Awards-No nominations

**IX. Announcements**

- A. Hotel checkout is at 11 a.m.
- B. Make sure to get a stamp for renewal units.
- C. Directions to Huntley Project High School are in Conference Pamphlet.
- D. Montana Pork Producers are sponsoring the networking social at 5:30 in the Ballroom.
- E. 2013 Summer Update will be held in Great Falls in June.
- F. 2014 Fall Conference will be held in Bozeman.

**X. Adjournment**

Cheryl Graham moved to adjourn. Beth Lawrence seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.