

**Montana Business Education Association
Minutes, Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2013
GranTree, Bozeman, MT**

I. Call to Order

President Elaine Stedman calls the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Introductions by Elaine Stedman

President-Elaine Stedman
Past President-Scott Anderson
President Elect: Doug Anderson
Vice President-Brad Mehr
Secretary-Beth Lawrence
Membership Director-Linda Cotton
MACTE Executive Director-Mark Branger
OPI Business Specialist-Eric Swenson
State BPA Advisor-Becky DePuydt
University of Montana-Sandra Williams

III. Reports

- A. Secretary: Beth Lawrence presented minutes. Scott Anderson moved to approve the 2012 MBEA Minutes. Janie McFarland seconded. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer: Bertha Kirschten reported that we are very financially healthy. MBEA has over \$10,000 in a CD with very good interest and \$773.02 in the checking account. Janie McFarland moved to approve. Sandra Williams seconded. Motion passed.
- C. Montana ACTE, Janie McFarland encourages everyone to stay Friday afternoon for the ACTE Business Meeting, last year there were not enough for a quorum.
- D. Mark Branger, Executive Director Montana ACTE, reported that National ACTE membership has flat-lined instead of dropping. Numbers are important especially when lobbying. Membership is critical with potential cuts. There is contest among divisions to increase membership. Mark also encouraged everyone to fill out the conference evaluation; the board takes these very serious and makes several positive changes each year.
- E. Membership Director's Report-Linda Cotton. Report in packet. Membership is down. Regulars aren't on list so please check for accuracy. Motion by Scott Anderson to accept the report as given. Samantha Humphrey seconds. Motion passes.
- F. MBEA Website: Scott Anderson (www.mbea.info) Students will update website after conference.
- G. OPI Business and Marketing Education Specialist: Eric Swenson.
 - a. Please contact Eric if you are not receiving the Wednesday Reader and he will add you to list. If anyone has information to share, Eric will forward it on in the Wednesday Reader.
 - b. Congratulations to Jody Sandru for winning the Jump\$tart Coalition National Conference Sponsorship.
 - c. Preliminary Framework for Business Standards is included in packet. Thank you to all the committee members who generously donated their time this summer. Final draft will hopefully be out the first of the year.
 - d. Eric announced the two new State Directors for the Student Organizations. DECA-Krista Bergstrom and BPA-Becky Depuydt.

- H. BPA State Advisor: Becky Depuydt
 - a. Becky stated that she is excited to be back in the position of BPA State Director (she served 4 years ago). She taught for 30 years in Saco serving as a BPA Advisor for 25 years. Becky is working with Eric to complete the transition.
 - b. Becky stressed that advisors need to fill out the correct documentation for all BPA activities which will help with grant funding. Documentation of what everyone already does will be essential.
 - c. Becky also thanked the Regional Advisors for their added responsibility and support
- I. DECA State Advisor: Krista Bergstrom-No report.
- J. Post-Secondary:
 - a. University of Montana: Sandra Williams. Sandra stated that we need to promote ourselves as an organization. There were several Business Teaching positions open this year and some went unfilled of will filled with a teacher our of area (ex-English Teacher). She would like input on how to increase our field and fill positions. The organization thanked Sandra and the University of MT Bookstore for providing door prizes for over 20 years.
 - b. University of Montana-Western: No report.
- K. WBEA/NBEA
 - a. WBEA - Portland, OR, February 13-17, 2014
 - b. NBEA Annual Convention –Los Angeles, CA, April 15-19, 2014
 - c. Region 5 ACTE - Bismarck, ND, April 23-26, 2014

IV. Old Business

- A. Nicole Bogunovich - Billings West is our nominee for Young ACTE Teacher and DeAnne Weeks - Culbertson is our nominee for ACTE teacher. Congratulations and Good Luck to both.

V. New Business

- A. 2014 Budget
 - a. Donations. Julie O’Dell motioned to approve \$100 donation to the Legislature to promote MT ACTE. 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. There will be a meeting tonight following the social in the Aspen Room.

VI. Election of Officers: Scott Anderson, MBEA Past President

Scott Anderson stated that it has been recommended that we keep the same officer team for the next year as there are a lot of teaching transitions and asked if there was any opposition. None voiced, Sandra Williams moved to retain current officer selections. Janie McFarland seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Recognition of Colleagues and Retirees: Scott Anderson, MBEA Past President

Scott Anderson stressed that we should try to be more vigilant about awarding our Business Sponsors since they donate so much time and money to Business Education.

- A. Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education-Bank of Baker
- B. Outstanding Young Teacher-Beth Lawrence, Jordan
- C. Outstanding Secondary Business Teacher of the Year-Elaine Stedman, Sydney
- D. Three retirees-Char Laurence-Capital, Lauren Murphee-Shepherd and Tim Carse-Saco

VIII. Announcements

- A. Hotel Checkout is at 11 am.
- B. Don't forget to get stamped for renewal credits or complete forms for graduate credit.
- C. Summer Update 2014
- D. Janie McFarland said if anyone needs plaques contact her as their school does a wonderful job.
- E. Eric encourages everyone to attend WBEA-fill out the PDI for financial help.
- F. Scott encourages everyone to attend the social as the Baker BPA made a miniature golf that will be set up.
- G. Eric stated that the CTE funds will be out soon-preliminary numbers will be on the OPI Website (Link in Wednesday Reader).
- H. Sandra is looking for ideas about curriculum, Business Advisory ideas

IX. Adjournment

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