

Montana Business Education Association
Minutes, Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2009
Crown Plaza Hotel

President Jennifer Rohrer called meeting to order.

Introductions by Jennifer Rohrer of all officers present.

President-Jennifer Rohrer
Past President-Janie McFarland
MACTE Executive Director-Mark Branger
Montana ACTE President-Cheryl Graham
State BPA Advisor- Becky DePuydt
OPI Business Specialist-Linda Corr-Mahugh
U of M Western-Denise Holland

- A. Minutes: The motion was made to accept the minutes (Loreen Murphree, Janie McFarland).
- B. Treasurer's Report: Mark Branger asked about current balances in all accounts. More information needs to be included in the Treasurer's report. No action was taken to approve the report.
- C. ACTE: Mark Branger discussed the Perkins money and informed all that Perkins cannot be used for CTSOs next year. Linda added that we were given a year extension to adjust to the rule, so this will give you time to make that adjustment. Advisors can still pay their expenses with Perkins.
MACTE will put together a packet for membership; each division should use that form. Dues went up by \$10, from \$15 to \$25, and that was not represented on all forms. Dues are \$60 for national, \$25 for state, \$15 for local, for a total of \$100.
Next year the fall conference will be in Helena at the Great Northern, Oct. 21-22, 2010. In 2011 we will meet in Great Falls. We align every year with MEA; the only time we don't is when MEA is in Missoula we go to Butte.
FFA National conference will fall in 2010 the same time as this conference. We expect a significant drop in attendance of FFA advisors. Options for moving our conference from October to either June or August were discussed. Jennifer brought up our summer attendance is down and is concerned about getting people here during the summer. Shelly brought up that schools may waive the MEA days for going to MACTE in the summer. Another concern is hotel booking is already done. Mark would like feedback. Scott asked if we can put out a survey to get feedback of how many would actually attend in the summer. Approximately 210 teachers were in attendance this year. If you have any more concerns talk to Mark or Cheryl.
- D. Becky DePuydt was introduced as BPA State Advisor. Erin Weisgerber is the DECA State Director/Executive Secretary. Linda Corr-Mahugh reported that Content Standards is an area they are working on, yet to be fully developed and is a work in progress. She will speak again after Qwest awarding presentations. Mark Branger reported that the Qwest grant had only 30 applicants this year.
- E. Becky DePuydt is working on the planning of the state BPA conference. She is in the process of getting everyone's updated email and getting the new advisors. She needs everyone's help in getting setup. Registration for BPA is due on Nov. 1st.
- F. Denise Holland from UM-Western: We are holding steady. Three of the 5th year students were present.
- G. Janie McFarland encouraged everyone to attend WBEA in Reno, February 12-15, 2010.
- H. NBEA: San Diego, CA. Julie O'Dell will be attending and has a room and is willing to share.
- I. Career Clusters: Eric Swenson went last year and the conference is in Denver, CO this year.

Old Business:

- J. Update member records on MACTE website. Make sure to go online if you've changed anything or if you didn't submit. ACTE newsletters come electronically, so make sure to update.

- K. Janie McFarland is MBEA's nominee for Montana ACTE Teacher of the Year. Julie Hanson, Young Business Teacher of the Year, was not able to represent MBEA because she had been teaching six years.
- L. Janie reported on the business education framework committee

New Business:

- M. Scott Anderson discussed website updates; email him information so he can share it with everyone.
- N. Summer update: middle of June, Great Falls COT, Institute on Educational Technology, very good conference, especially the hands-on computer/software training. Mitzi added that it was the best thing she's ever been too. Cost is \$35 per day and 2 graduate credits are available. It was brought up if it would ever be in Billings? Jennifer explained that Great Falls COT offers it and that's why it's always been in GF.
- O. Donation: \$250 to BPA, \$100 to DECA. Discussion over why it is set up to flip the amounts back and forth every year. No one really remembered why, unanimous vote, passes.
- P. Silent auction tickets: Jennifer has tickets.
- Q. Montana ACTE needs a Vice President. Contact Mark or Cheryl.
- R. Qwest Presentations: 4:30 today 10 min. presentation on how they spend their money.
- S. Janie McFarland: Elections. The President Elect has resigned, so Janie volunteered to take on the president role again. Mark Branger moved to approve the slate of officers. Loreen Murphree seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. The new MBEA officers for 2010 are as follows:
 - a. President: Janie McFarland
 - b. Past President: Jenny Rohrer
 - c. President Elect: Regina Wood
 - d. Vice President: Scott Anderson
 - e. Secretary: Julie Hanson
 - f. Treasurer: Michelle Foss
- T. Retirees received plaques: Becky Depuydt, Laura Kessner, Joy Owens (Calie Graham is student teaching for her and will deliver the plaque.)
- U. Young Business Teacher of the Year: Scott Anderson.
Distinguished Service Award: Stockman Bank of Conrad, Dave Zoanni
Secondary Teacher of the Year: nominees were Linda Cotton, Richey Powell, Sherri Aschim, Elaine Steadman, Jenny Rohrer. Jenny Rohrer of Simms was the winner of the award.
- V. Announcements:
Hotel check out noon.
No bus to Senior High.
Oct 21-22, 2010, at Great Northern, Helena
Be sure to submit items for the newsletter to Eric Swenson by the deadlines
Gift to Janie
- W. Meeting Adjourned