

**Montana Business Education Association  
Minutes, Annual Business Meeting  
Thursday, October 20, 2011  
Heritage Inn, Great Falls**

President Regina Wood called meeting to order. 10:00am

Introductions by Regina Wood of all officers present.

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

- A. Minutes: The motion was made to accept the minutes (Julie O'Dell moved, Ron Hanson second). Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Regina Wood presented Michelle Foss's treasurer's report. Since we don't get the mini grants we will continue to run our budget in the hole. We really need to look at our budget, membership, rather than dwindling our savings. Awards and plaques, BPA and DECA donations we've cut back, newsletter could possibly be cut back because we are doubling up with Eric's Wednesday Reader. Elaine added that she felt that it is repeating also, but discussion was held that what the benefits would be to membership of MBEA. Mark brought up that we are missing a lot of BPA advisors, that there is a really disconnection between being an advisor and not belonging to the professional organization. We need membership to have a voice especially in the direction that Carl Perkins and the Pathways are going. (Julie O'Dell moved to discontinue the newsletter and channel the money in a different direction, Char Lawrence second). We don't feel that we can approve the treasurer's report at this time because we just have the balance, not a report.
- C. Montana ACTE: Janie brought up that MBEA doesn't have a federal tax id # as a non-profit and our treasurer needs to provide information to Nicole Wanago at Montana ACTE with a quarterly report. Next year we are in Billings. All the Friday's activities will be at Huntley Project. Mark added we are a part of Qwest and we have money to award. Qwest had 28 grants we had 1 applicant from a CTE department. A minimum of 3 would always go to a CTE. He encouraged us to apply for the grant.
- D. Membership: Current membership 56 NBEA members, 2 student members, 89 MBEA members, 8 teacher-educator section = 98 members for MBEA. 120-130 business teachers in Montana.
- E. MBEA website: Scott Anderson reported that the website will update in the next 2 weeks after this conference and we need pictures and if you see anything wrong with it let him know. He wanted to link Wednesday Reader and NBEAConnect on it.
- F. Post Secondary: Sandra introduced her students Mike and Beth; she has 17 students in the business program. Summer session has been a challenge. She will be sending a survey out to find out more information about how to offer the classes.

G. WBEA: Janie explains that they are the some of the best workshops to go to. Ken Kuhn has amazing stuff posted online. It will be held in Newport Beach, CA, February 16-20, 2012.

NBEA: Boston, MA, April 3-7, 2012.

#### Old Business

Update member records on Montana ACTE website. Mitzi Richards, Shields Valley HS, is our Montana ACTE award nominee.

#### New Business

2011 Budget was pretty much discussed during the Treasurer's Report. We will continue to donate \$100 each to BPA and DECA.

#### Elections of Officers

Janie passed out ballots for the slate of officers. She explained that Michelle Foss would continue as Treasurer unless someone else volunteered. Bertha Kirschten of Circle volunteered and her name was added to the ballot. The paper ballots were tallied and the results were as follows: President: Scott Anderson of Baker; President Elect: Elaine Stedman of Sidney; Vice President: Doug Andersen of Park City; Secretary: Julie Hanson of White Sulphur Springs; Treasurer: Bertha Kirschten of Circle; Membership Director: Linda Cotton of Cascade; and Past President: Regina Wood of Park County (Livingston).

Authorization was given to transfer the bank accounts over to Bertha Kirschten as our new Treasurer.

#### Recognition of Colleagues and Retirees

Janie presented certificates and will mail them out to the following people: Anita Freeman, Saco; Rose Edwards, Jordan; Dennis LaBonty, Polson; LeeAnn Riley, Butte; Barb DeCock, Rosebud.

#### Awards

Young Business Teacher of the Year- Doug Andersen, Park City HS.

Business Teacher of the Year- Shelly Stanton, Billings West HS.

Janie recongnized Regina for her hard work as President.

Regina recognized Janie for all she does.

#### Announcements

Make sure to get a stamp from Scott for your renewal units. ACTE will be auctioning off baskets and silent auction and donations towards Bruce Barta's. Encourage membership, Joe Wilkens has a challenge out to each division. Additional ACTE pins are for sale.

No-host social tonight followed by social at Rikki's. Sessions tomorrow at the District Office. 2012 Summer Update in Great Falls, June 18-22. 2012 Fall Conference in Billings, October 18-19.

#### Adjourn

(Linda Cotton moved, Julie Hanson second.) 11:05am