



**ARPEA
Executive Council Meeting
October 21, 2009
Donaghey Student Center
University of Arkansas Little Rock
Salon E**

Minutes

Members Present: Drs.
Elizabeth Vaughn Neely President
Carlton Holt, President & Treasurer
Shelly Albritton, Secretary
Rebecca Shopfner
Sheldon Buxton
Kieth Williams
David Bangs
Vera Lang

1. Welcome and Celebrations: Dr. Vaughn-Neely opened the meeting by welcoming all members
2. Approval of Minutes: Dr. Williams made a motion to accept the May 3, 2009 minutes, Dr. Carlton Holt seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Carlton Holt provided the following table documents:
 - a. ARPEA Financial Statement 10/21/09
 - b. 2008-2009 ARPEA Members

Discussion:

Dr. Holt presented the Treasurer's report and led a discussion about membership and attendance for the spring conference. The available balance is \$5,482.34. The 2008-2009 membership lists 49 members. Dr. Holt will host the next conference at Fayetteville. Concerns were that enough members will pay dues for 2009-2010; if enough members will be present to warrant hosting a spring conference; if membership dues are not paid in advance and if the number attending the conference is low, the conference could be canceled.

Dr. Shopfner suggested the possibility of affiliating with AASCD's June, 2010, conference. AASCD could arrange a space for ARPEA meetings and members could participate in AASCD events. Concerns/questions raised by board members were additional costs of \$224.00 to attend AASCD—some universities would not be able to fund the conference fee for members to attend; would ARPEA lose its identity if we did affiliate with another professional organization; would the \$20.00 ARPEA membership fee contribute to a reduced registration fee for attending the AASCD conference?

The members agreed to speak with members at their university to determine the interest in this possibility. Other suggestions/comments included consideration of forming an affiliation with the Rural Administrator Association, the School Board Association, and the Arkansas Association of Education Administrators (AAEA). It was noted it is not an easy process to get under the AAEA umbrella and requires a certain amount of funds to do so.

Dr. Vaughn-Neely suggested the Council set a tentative spring conference date in the event members do not wish to join AASCD in June. April 11-12, 2010 has been set for a tentative conference date.

Dr. Holt suggested a process for collecting membership dues and confirming attendance at the conference. Dr. Vaughn-Neely requested clarification for the purpose of ARPEA. When approaching faculty about joining ARPEA, they want to know what they are gaining with membership. Following is a list of benefits; ARPEA membership provides unity for:

- Advocacy for licensure issues
- Equal representation for all Arkansas universities
- A powerful voice concerning proposed legislative actions
- Networking among colleagues
- Connection to the Arkansas State Department
- Representative appointments on state-wide committees such as the ADE Professional Licensure Board and the School Leadership Coordination Council
- A shared identity and presence in the state for school leadership
- Partnerships between university professors in educational leadership programs
- Improved communication among universities and state officials

Dr. Williams commented that the more people we have in ARPEA, the more powerful the ARPEA voice, and ARPEA needs to maintain its identity. ARPEA currently has a presence in the state. We need to continue to be considered a major component with licensure issues and to state our position. The legislators do listen.

Dr. Bangs suggested that reminders be sent to ARPEA members to pay dues and in the message state benefits for becoming/maintaining membership. Dr. Vaughn-Neely will send Dr. Holt the contact list and he will send out a notice for dues. The above list of benefits will be included in the notice. Dr. Holt encouraged all Council members to collect dues from faculty at their universities and to tell members that ARPEA will be asking Tom Kimbrell to speak at the conference. Dr. Holt will talk with Dr. Kimbrell to see if the governor can attend as well.

Dr. Vaughn-Neely made the suggestion that the Council consider moving the conference to fall rather than spring. Comments in response to the suggestion were that April is when dues are gathered for the coming year; we all have more on our plate without adding more; most P-12 conferences are conducted in fall; without a conference, ARPEA risks losing its identity.

Dr. Bangs made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Dr. Buxton seconded. Motion to accept the report was carried.

4. Report on SLLA: No report to give
5. Upcoming Conferences: None reported
6. Report Professional Licensure Board: Dr. Holifield was not in attendance to provide report. The following email update was sent to members from Dr. Holifield prior to the Board meeting:

The only item from the Professional Standards Licensure Board that I need to report is that the State Board of Education tabled action on the PSLB's recommended changes in the rules and regs for the Ed Leadership licensure areas. The rationale for their move was the objection from the prison system officials who did not agree that an internship and at least four years of teaching experience had to be in a "traditional school setting." Discussions regarding this issue continue.

7. Nomination of Officers for 2009-10: Action taken during May 3, 2009, ARPEA Executive Council Meeting.
8. Other Business: Dr. Williams suggested the following: the Council should convene before Christmas break to make a final decision about the ARPEA conference; Council members should talk with faculty to determine commitment level to attend conference. Based on this information the Council will then be in a position to make decisions about the ARPEA conference.

An Executive Council meeting was set for November 11, 2009, 9:00-11:00 am at UALR, Student Center, room D or E.

Dr. Williams will inform Southern University of Arkansas about Council actions.

Dr. Lang questioned members if they had received an email about internship in the prison schools. The Council will request Dr. Holifield to provide an update at the November 11, 2009, meeting. Comments/questions concerning this issue were will the PSLB address this in the rules and regulations for licensure; will another license area be developed by ADE; the issue could have been raised by a few teachers in the prison system; one teacher of the prison system quit and moved to a traditional K-12 school system to complete internship requirements; should internship requirements be inclusive of the prison system to accommodate all candidates; is it reasonable for teachers in the prison schools to have a P-12 license for administrators in the prison system; does ADE want anyone licensed as P-12 administrators without experience in a traditional school system; just because a candidate is licensed as a school administrator doesn't mean the candidate is entitled to a P-12 position.

Dr. Albritton inquired into the ARPEA web page and the plans to make it more accessible for current and potential members, particularly regarding student membership. Comments consisted of the difficulty to access the web site; the original ARPEA constitution is located there; Dr. Holt has a copy of the original constitution. Dr. Vaughn-Neely will speak with Dr. Holifield concerning the web site.

Dr. Lang made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Williams seconded; the motion to adjourn was carried. Dr. Vaughn-Neely adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dr. Albritton.