

63rd Annual Business Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2009

The 63rd annual business meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Jessica Voas. Christy Ekroth gave a welcome and talked about expectations for the day. She introduced and welcomed the Western Business Education Association president, Eileen Wascisin from Bellingham, Washington.

Jessica introduced the council members. Christy pointed out the minutes of last year's meeting in the conference packet. The minutes were approved as presented.

Michael Morrell, president-elect, and his wife, Sharon, told about the plans for the 2010 conference. The theme will be "Sustainability" and it is slated to be held at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon.

Twila Lehman, Awards Chairperson, solicited nominations for awards for 2010. Darlene Marquardt announced the availability of PDU's (professional development units) for this conference. They may be picked up from her anytime during the conference.

Nancy Noe gave the treasurer's report. There was a motion and a second to accept the budget but it was noted that this was only the report. The budget will be presented later in the agenda.

New Business: Adriann Spencer gave a membership report and encouraged all to become members. The push this year is for each member to get one additional colleague to join.

Ann Gerig opened the floor for nominations for all open positions. There were none. The ballot will be sent via U.S. mail as they will include a Bylaw change to vote on. On the ballot for 2010 officers:

President-Elect: Darlene Marquardt
Secretary: Patti Sessions
Secondary Correspondent #4: Linda Owen-Cooper
Secondary Correspondent #4: Janet Strong
Community College Correspondent: Twila Lehman
ISBE representative – Andrea Pace

Joyce Moreira presented the proposed Bylaw change.

3. Retired Membership:
Retired OBEA members are eligible for membership in OR-BEAVERS – Oregon Business Educators and Vocational Educators Retirees group. The OR-BEAVERS can be called up by OBEA to mentor business teachers and assist in tasks associated with Business Education in Oregon. OR-BEAVERS are entitled to reduced OBEA membership fees and reduced conference registrations.

Mary Ann Lammers talked about scholarships, pointing out that there is a scholarship for 1st time NBEA attendees, and the Lammers scholarship for anyone in school (Business Ed). Mary Ann also announced that college credit for this conference weekend is available and to contact her sometime during the day to make arrangements to receive that credit.

Nancy Noe explained the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 year. There was a motion by Joyce Moreira and seconded by Darlene Marquardt to accept the proposed budget as presented. The motion was passed.

Bonnie Grote explained the silent auction items and encouraged everyone to make bids.

Christy Eckroth announced that everyone needs to put their name on the back of their lunch ticket as these will be used for the door prize drawings later this afternoon. Christy also told information about the vendors that were present and encouraged everyone to visit the vendor booths.

The meeting was closed at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Darlene Marquardt, Secretary

ADDENDUM: Minutes of Awards Ceremony – October 9th, 2009

The luncheon meeting was called to order at noon.

Co-President, Jessica Voas, gave a short biographical sketch about how she came to be involved in OBEA and how she got to where she is. Jessica also gave a thank you to Twila for coordinating the awards, Ann Gerig for the lovely table decorations, Sue VanMeter for orchestrating the registration and newsletter, Krista for helping Sue with registration check-ins, Bonnie for being silent auction coordinator, Andrea Pace for donating a stay at her Maui condo as a silent auction item, and all the rest of the council members for helping where needed to make this conference a success.

Special guest, Eileen Wascisin, WBEA president, was introduced and she gave a welcome from WBEA (the Western region) and from the state of Washington. She encouraged everyone to attend the WBEA conference, February 12-15, in Reno, NV at the Circus Circus hotel. There will be top-notch keynote speakers and \$79 room rates. Flights to Reno should be cheaper now than if you wait until closer to February. Also the Western Region is hosting the NBEA conference in San Diego, California in March. Eileen encouraged everyone to attend and belong to both regional and national organizations. Come and bring a friend to both conferences.

Christy and Jessica introduced all the break-out session speakers. It was announced that Bill Figlinski passed away. Bill was an exhibitor for many years.

Mary Ann Lammers made a plea for other members to become more involved in their organization by being on the council or volunteering for things that need to be done. She reminded us of the \$200 stipend for 1st timers from Oregon to attend WBEA. Also the now defunct Delta Phi Epsilon fund contributes \$200. She announced that 2011 is to be in New Orleans and to apply for the Lammers scholarship and for the PDI stipend where OBEA and WBEA will each pay ½ of the registration to WBEA in order for the attendee to take the PDI (professional development institute) class at the conference. One person has applied for the next PDI course and there can be one more participant from Oregon. The deadline to apply is December 1, 2009. Mary Ann gave us information about some other scholarships also. Mary Ann encouraged everyone to belong to ISBE the international organization.

Twila Lehman began the awards portion of the meeting.

This year's scholarship award winners:

5th Annual Lammers Scholarship winner – Patti Sessions

Winger Scholarship winner – Jason Speers

Scholarship monies come from private contributions and from the silent auction.

Twila explained the process of determining the award winners and continued the awards luncheon by announcing the winners. The winners were:

Secondary Teacher of the year: Christy Ekroth, David Douglas High School

Administrator of the year: Gary Carlton, Madras High School

Michael Morrell re-iterated the plans for the 2010 conference at The Oregon Garden.

Jessica Voas adjourned the meeting to attend break-out sessions.