

MOUNTAIN PLAINS ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
PRE-CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING
March 1, 2009
Las Vegas, Nevada

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by President Kelsee Miller. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves. Board members present were: Myna Frestedt, Kelsee Miller, Detlef Johl, Lou Workman, Nancy Lambott, Shannon Newman, Jake Gustin, Brad Deeds, Kaye White, Mike Williams, Rom Bushnell, Suzette Fox, Lilly Beth Brazones Amber McClure, Sharon Springer, Gary Conti, Cathy Sandoval, Luisa Hernandez, Jolene Goerend. Kelsee welcomed the new members.

Lou Workman presented the minutes. Rom Bushnell moved, Kaye White seconded, approval of minutes from summer board meeting.

Teri Zutter welcomed the board to Las Vegas and gave a report on conference attendees; for a total of 249 as of now. Brad Deeds also reviewed the conference program and asked for volunteers to help take meal tickets.

Detlef Johl presented the Treasurer's report. It was stated that we need to look at additional income. The mutual fund is down considerably and a decision will need to be made on whether to withdraw those funds. Balance of available funds as of 2/24/09 is \$40,903.96. The last year's conference was projected at 300 members at \$30 each and the actual was 192 members at \$25 each, a noticeable difference for our budget. Discussion followed on how and why the mutual fund was set up. This will be reviewed closely during follow-up meetings. Mike Williams moved, and Jolene Goerend seconded that we accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Jolene volunteered to take all the archived MPAEA material and scan and create PDF files. This will begin in early summer and we will be updated at summer board meeting.

Brad reported that 14 awards will be given at the conference. Nevada proposes to raise tuition by 225% and cutting funding for education by 50%.

Lily Beth Brazones reported that the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale will host the 2010 conference – "Mining the Treasures in Adult Education" is the theme. The Constitution is available on the website, thanks to Sharyn Yanoshak.

The Finance Committee discussed States' cutting their budgets and not being able to travel to conferences. Further discussion will follow.

Kelsee Miller reported that the Executive Board was able to tour the conference site in January at the winter board meeting in Scottsdale and found everything satisfactory as of now.

Gary Conti was applauded for catching up the editions of the Journal of Adult Education this year. He gave credit to Rita Kolody from Idaho for helping tremendously. He had recommendations for how to get additional submissions from conference participants.

Kelsee and Nancy Lambott met with Margene Buckner of COLLO (Coalition of Life Long Learning Organizations) while in Colorado and MPAEA will now be a member.

The Marketing Committee asked for volunteers to manage the tables and help sell tickets during the conference.

Shannon Newman announced the scholarship winners and the process involved.

The Website Committee was not present, but Nate Southerland responded by email and Ken Zutter worked on website from Nevada also.

Adjourned at 5pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Workman
MPAEA Secretary