

Business & Information Technology Education Division

Executive Officer Team Meeting

March 31, 2011

ODCTE - Stillwater

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

President Angela Durant-Tyson called the meeting to order.

Present: Mary Barton, Linnie Berkenbile, Bill Chamberlain, Dustin Devers, Angela Durant-Tyson, Athena Frank, Pam Hulsey, Karen Montgomery, Lori Muret, Teresa Pinkston, Clarissa Robison, Liberty Shere, Murrell Thompson and Sonora White.

Absent: Royce Bell, Afton Brower, Mary Pippas Cloos, Lawanta Ramsey, and Dala Gober-Reeves

Greetings and Announcements

Angela Durant-Tyson greeted members. Angela announced the birth of Afton Brower's baby.

Business Reports

Financial Report

Pam Hulsey presented the BITE Treasurer's Report, current balance \$17,845.37. Clarissa Robison moved for the Treasurer's Report to be approved, it was seconded and passed.

August Minutes

Clarissa Robison asked if there were any changes or corrections to November Minutes which were posted on the biteok.org web site. Dustin Devers moved for minutes to be approved, it was seconded and passed.

Reporter Update

Dustin Devers has updated the biteok.org web site; he is working on additional changes to the site.

Regional Updates

North Central-Dala Gober-Reeves was absent; Angela Durant-Tyson reported North Central will be scheduling unconference training for the summer.

North East-Liberty Shere reported unconference training is being offered but no interest to date.

North West-Lori Muret reported date hasn't been confirmed for webinars.

South Central- Murrell Thompson reported they were focusing on GPS training.

South East-Angela Durant-Tyson reported for Royce Bell, KTC McAlester had 11 students receive A+, 2 students receive Network and 1 student receive Network & Security certifications;

Heavener High School donated \$1000 from BPA Charity Ball to Make a Wish Foundation and Ronald McDonald House Project; Crowder High School has four SLC winners which will compete in NLC; KTC Poteau has 3 students and an adult teaming going to NLC; McCurtain High School had 30 students attend SLC and 18 placed in top ten, 3 will be attending NLC; Royce will be presenting a workshop at Region IV ACTE April 15 in Biloxi, Mississippi on Web 2.0 tools.

South West-Sonora White reported an email was sent out requesting nominations for the BITE Officer positions for 2011-2012.

Committee Goals and Reports

Awards-Dala Gober-Reeves was absent.

Legislative-Bill Chamberlain attended Legislative Seminar Wednesday, March 30 which was very informative. Oklahoma revenue is up, which is positive! Topics discussed were: Budget cuts from 3-7% for education; visit with your legislators and thank them for their support, oppose legislation that could erode or reduce funding to our Tech Centers and Comprehensive Schools, oppose concealed carry weapons legislation regarding Tech Centers, and ask legislators to support additional funding regarding Ad Valorem reimbursement fund. Bill asks everyone to visit the OkACTE website. He also asks everyone to encourage PAC membership.

Membership-Teresa Pinkston reported current membership is at 341. Teresa discussed giving T-shirts as a gift this year and wearing them on the second day of conference with business casual pants/slacks. There was also discussion on whether to continue offering restaurant discount cards, consciences was to continue. Committee goals are establishing communication with non-members and non-renewals, making everyone aware of the benefits of being a BITE member through an email, and participating in new teacher workshop regarding BITE membership.

Nominating-Mary Barton reported that an email was sent to BITE members regarding open officer positions. She does have a candidate for each of the positions: Secretary, Reporter, South East Vice President, South Central Vice President, and South West Vice President.

Scholarship-Sonora White reported that there were no scholarship candidates at this time; they would extend the date to May 1st.

Policy-Athena Frank discussed a proposed amendment change by Sonora White to extend BPA Spring scholarship deadline to date to May 1, the proposed change will be presented and voted on at August Conference.

Diversity Action-Karen Montgomery reported she had one nomination for the Kaleidoscope Award.

Mutual Benefit Plan-Angela Durant-Tyson reported for Afton Brower, that the Mutual Benefit Plan can now debit your bank account.

CTAC-Mary Pipp's Cloos was absent. Angela Durant-Tyson encouraged everyone to be proactive and talk with their legislators. Make an impression during BPA Day at the Capitol!

PAC-Lawanta Ramsey was absent. Angela Durant-Tyson encouraged everyone to reach out and encourage PAC membership.

Committee Planning Time

Each of the committees utilized time for planning.

Other Business

Linnie Berkenbile discussed previous budget cuts and possible future cuts. She also discussed current legislation regarding Ad Valorem taxes, State Income taxes, centralizing all state agency technology, withdrawal of bill regarding additional math credit, Moral Turpitude/Tenure, possible grading system from the Oklahoma Department of Education for school systems and teachers, possible consolidation of state agencies, Unconference Learning, Web Tools, GPS/ESRI summer training, new career pathway in GIS, and Virtual World training

Adjournment

Angela Durant-Tyson moved to adjournment, it was seconded and carried.