

M-PBEA INFORMAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019, 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

Chicago Marriott Downtown

Sixth Floor – Cook Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sherrell Wheeler at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present – Sherrell Wheeler, Jean Condon, Jodi Dierks, Lori Henneberg, Carol Sessums, Christine French, DeLayne Havlovic, Matt Maw, Patricia Arneson, Kyleigh Lewis, Connie Lindell, Deb Wolken, Lynette Borjeson Painter, Dustin Devers, Violet Snell, Kara Hill, Lori Hauf

Regional Director's Report – Reported by DeLayne Havlovic, NBEA Rep

DeLayne Havlovic reported that Carol will take this position. Next convention in Boston. Assured that nomination process for this position will be followed “better” for future people. Will discuss with Colleen Webb to come to Denver, even though it is prior to the start of her term. New Exec Dir will be invited to Denver. No announcement will happen at this convention. Sherrell discussed concern that the membership was not notified that the Exec Dir position was open – Margaret Blue stated that a letter was given to Jan to send out and it was not done. Reminder of raffle here at convention.

2019 M-PBEA Conference -Denver – Reported by Sherrell Wheeler, President on behalf of Caroline Swank, Convention Director

Sherrell reported that Caroline was asked to post the agenda/schedule. Sherrell will email her again. Sherrell has not had contact with the program person. Concern about meeting room requirements. Chris said that we have 17 registrations so far and not many board members. DeLayne said Venmo may be used for payment option. Promotion should go out soon. 75 registrations are needed to break even for the conference.

LDI - Reported by Carol Sessums, Past-President

1 confirmed attendee and 1 possible. Sherrell suggested that we adjust the timing of LDI so that it does not require additional days/nights for attendees. Focus in other states is on state President attendees. Carol shared that LDI should be drawing interest in serving on the M-PBEA board. DeLayne stated that the topic of difficulty in getting volunteers to step up was brought up on the NBEA level as well. Sherrell recommended that we add this discussion to the fall agenda and look at making a change. For this year, LDI would be abbreviated to Sunday evening only and then look at future years of holding LDI during the convention rather than additional days.

2020 M-PBEA Conference – Texas - Reported by Sherrell Wheeler, President and Violet Snell, TX Membership Director

Sherrell stressed that Southern region plans their conventions 5 years out. We really need to work on booking and advertising a little further ahead.

Violet said they are looking at SanMarcus or Dallas locations. Gary is working on this and more details will come soon.

Proposal to host needs to come at the Summer meeting. We should have the next two years set as far as a state location. DeLayne suggested that other states look at partnering with a community college for cost reasons.

Leadership Award Chairman –Reported by Patricia Arneson, Leadership Award Chair

Sherrell brought a report from Pat that the awards are out. Connie will talk with Pat since she will be taking this position at the end of Patricia's term.

Membership Training – Reported by Chris French, Regional Membership Director

Increase by 15 professional and 2 student members in the last month. Nebraska is doing well. Connie did not get an invitation to attend the membership director session at this conference. However, she is planning to attend on Friday. Membership breakfast and training will happen Friday morning. Sherrell asked all board members to continue inviting business teachers to join. Chris is no longer receiving any new membership information from the national level. Maurice is no longer doing membership for the national level. DeLayne suggested to share new infographics within the region. Chris would like to have more communication from the national level.

Other Reports –

- Carol Sessums, Past-President, shared that the officer ballot will go out soon. Matt Maw will be presented as Pres-Elect. Carol will send the ballot to Toni this week, who will send it out through Constant Contact.
- Sherrell Wheeler, President, shared that an invitation will be sent to the new NBEA Exec Director once the name is announced. Sherrell will communicate with the board once the person's name is announced.
- Deb Wolken, Nebraska Membership Director, announced that some Nebraska teachers are struggling due to the recent flood issues. Neb BEA has set up a fund to assist members of their state for membership dues for state and national. There will be an application process and funds will be distributed based on the number of applications and funds available. They would ask that this be sent through Constant Contact and Social Media.
- Kyleigh Lews, Social Media Representative, has posted what was received as far as tips from board members. Several board members need to send her "tips". The ones that have been posted has received "likes" and "re-tweets". Suggestion to board members to offer "prize" for tweets or posts on the state level conventions.

Executive Committee Meeting at M-PBEA Conference - Reported by Sherrell Wheeler, President

Sunday, June 16, 1:00 p.m.

This will be for the outgoing and incoming Exec Committee

Board Meeting at M-PBEA Conference - Reported by Sherrell Wheeler, President

Sunday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Monday, June 17, 8:00 a.m. – noon

Adjournment

6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Henneberg,
Executive Secretary