

ACOVA Business Meeting

Prescott Resort, October 30, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Cathie Raymond, President, at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Jill Ranucci to approve the agenda and seconded by Kay Chaisson. Motion passed.

The minutes from the previous business meeting at La Paloma Resort on July 21, 2009 were distributed by Brenda Marietti, Secretary. A motion was made by Jill Ranucci to accept the minutes and seconded by Mark Hamilton. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was handed out by Bob Doctor, Treasurer. Bob discussed profit and loss (sources and used of funds). He reminded members to submit invoices upon return to their districts because they had been included in their packets. There were questions about auction funds and scholarship funds. A motion was made by Mark Hamilton to accept the report as audited. It was seconded by Marilyn Jenkins. Motion passed.

Cathie announced that ACOVA made \$1,140.00 on the auction at dinner on October 29. She thanked the membership for their support. Cathie explained the changes in Camp M&M and how there were mini M&M's held after each Local Director's meeting.

Cathie asked for comments on the suggestions by ADE to get preliminary funding numbers out earlier. This would mean having an earlier deadline (in April) for concentrator reports. Smaller districts can estimate pass/fail easier than larger ones. Cathie suggested asking teachers of students their status—pass/fail. One member suggested using counselor list of possible failures to make the determination on concentrators. Meg Gianesello said it would mean looking at the data twice.

Cathie explained one issue of late funding was because of the number of exemptions that come in. The membership took a vote and passed in favor of moving the deadline up for the concentrator report.

Cathie asked for discussion on getting placements in the system earlier than April 15. Penny Legge explained about the placement time of October 1 – December 31. Surveys must be entered by the deadline but the actual date of the call does not matter. Contact time is not addressed in the law. There was a vote to move up placement survey deadline to March 1 and it was approved.

Cathie asked if there should be penalties for districts who do not meet deadlines. There was a lot of discussion about how to handle the districts not meeting deadlines but the general consensus was to deal with them swiftly (hold back money) so that other districts could get their money. There was a suggestion that ADE have the CTE Director and Superintendent of those districts go to ADE to get their money. Districts should contact ADE if they cannot meet a deadline. ADE and/or ACOVA could go for technical assistance. Michelle Crary suggested holding a % of money back for time late.

There was discussion about districts losing money after being on an improvement plan. Helen Bootsma explained that the first year (Perkins Section 123) a district is on an improvement plan, ADE must provide technical assistance. The second year there should be increased technical assistance. The third year on an improvement plan for the same measure, ADE could withhold funds.

The above votes were just straw votes by ACOVA members and the ACOVA Executive Committee will work with ADE or make sure the opinions voiced at the business meeting are considered.

There was a suggestion that ADE provide training for counselors.

Cathie explained that the flyers are out for Mid-Winter Conference.

Cathie said that if any members are interested in office, they should get their names and a brief bio to Brenda Marietti, Secretary.

Lisa Doll explained what ACOVA is doing with our survey information.

Brenda Marietti moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ethan Hurley. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by

Brenda Marietti, ACOVA Secretary