

ACOVA Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
February 9, 2009
Mimi's Café, Casa Grande

Present: Cathie Raymond, Brenda Marietti, Bob Doctor, Kathy Prather, Meg Giancesello, Jill Ranucci, and Mark Hamilton.

Barbara Border arrived at 1:00 for meeting.

Cathie Raymond, President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Minutes were handed out for the last business meeting, last executive board meeting, and meeting with Cathie, Polly and ACTEAZ representatives.

A motion was made to elect Lisa Doll to the position of Vice-President. It was seconded and passed.

Cathie discussed the need for policies to be written. She read the purpose of ACOVA. She asked for topics where policy is needed. Topics given were: Professional development—best practices, funding of scholarships, mini-grants, drawings for free conferences, advocacy, and mentoring. We will work on these at the summer retreat.

At 1:10 Barbara arrived. She shared that summer programs had been cut. Priority grant could be eaten into. There has been a 2% cut for JTED's so that means they are now funded at 89% for the current year.

Barbara said that the February local director meeting by webinar has been cancelled. We will have one for March 17.

Barbara said that the federal money that may come into the states could give JTED's an opportunity to help train adults for jobs. If we don't, private schools will.

The cut score for assessments are on the agenda for stakeholder's meeting on February 24. That meeting date was changed to February 23 to coincide with State Board Meeting. People are looking at data from last fall's assessments right now. Each test could have a different cut score. The Commission will send the credential to the student.

Discussion on the Carnegie units needed for the programs. How were they determined? Cathie stated that we need to reconsider having 3 Carnegie units and hurting districts and programs. Barbara said we would look at it with business.

Barbara said that the NOI process will be online next year. She handed out information about the NOI process. There was discussion on the need to amend or send an NOI if a district had not submitted one and a JTED later decides to offer the program.

The P-20 Council has been suspended. Carla Phelps must be back in the governor's office and is the educational liaison.

Barbara handed out a paper put together by Jim Zaharis regarding credit for CTE unites. Jill Ranucci said that she is meeting with U of A to get credit for her Engineering class.

Barbara said that the Bioscience people all lost positions at U of A. Solar energy fits into this program. Waste Water Management could fit here. Meg said that standards should be out before programs are offered so keep some consistency.

Barbara asked if she could have a meeting with ACOVA executive committee before trying a local director's meeting. Maybe this can happen the first week in March.

We will have Camp M&M on the summer conference Saturday. Then on Sunday we will have a local director's meeting and a Commissioner's meeting.

She asked if we had any names to add to Commissioner's group.

Meg asked for a master calendar of professional development events and CTSO events. There was some talk about there being too many demands for CTSO's. Students and teachers are out of class too often.

We will get information on the next meeting on location for next ACOVA meeting on April 2. Meg will be looking for a place. We have set the summer retreat for June 2 and 3 and Brenda will be checking for locations.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35.