

Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education

Meeting Minutes 2004 Annual Business Luncheon Meeting November 19, 2004

Minutes

Opening:

A meeting of the Alaska Association of Career and Technical Education was called to order by President Kris Forrester at 1:02 pm in the Fairbanks room of the Anchorage Marriott Hotel.

Present:

Kris Forrester – President
Ellen Long – President-Elect
Therese Pempek – Past President
Trish Zugg – Secretary
Rick Rios – Treasurer
Kathy Frost – Awards Chair
Marcia Olson – Membership Chair
Jerry Balistreri – By-Laws Chair
Jeanette Hayden – Alaska Fairbanks Region Representative
Erie Johnson – ACTE Region V Representative
General Membership

A. Approval of Agenda

Helen Mehrkens moved that the agenda be approved, Ellen Long seconded, no discussion, it passed by unanimous consent.

B. Approval of Minutes

Erie Johnson moved that the past meeting minutes be approved, Nancy Darrington seconded, no discussion, it passed by unanimous consent.

C. President's Report

Kris Forrester reported that this year's Professional Development Conference was planned with an emphasis on practitioners. It involved an emphasis on technical training within teacher strands focused in four major CTE career pathways. This is an important year for CTE due to Carl Perkins Funding reauthorization and the marginal financial viability of our National ACTE. Now more than ever we need to be united and support our professional organization. We need to get in touch with our legislators and stress to them the importance of what we do and the value to our students. We need to celebrate our accomplishments, we need to present ourselves as "professional educators", be proud of what you do, you ARE professionals. We need to work around barriers, go over them, go under them, go around them, and be persistent. We have to be advocates for ourselves and our profession, we need to be involved and provide a quality product.

Rick Rios provided the members a 2004 Treasurer's Report. In that the November ending balance is \$13,287.97.

D. Membership Report

Marcia Olson reported that we have 150 members with paid dues at this time.

E. New Business

By-Laws:

Jerry Balistreri reported on the new by-laws proposals "A" and "B". He explained that the current version hasn't been updated since 1986. He acknowledged the by-laws committee members of Erie Johnson, Jim Schlegel, Doug Hammer, Judy Senden and himself. All of the members of this committee have been past-presidents of AACTE. He explained that in the fall of 2003 he distributed the by-laws and constitution by hard copy and e-mail to the general membership, he asked for suggestions on improvements and changes. These suggestions were noted and resulted in proposal "A" by-laws update. The committee also did research on comparable by-laws from other professional organization within education and from outside of educational organizations. This research resulted in proposal "B" by-laws update. There were no other suggestions on by-laws changes accepted at this time due to many prior

opportunities for membership to suggest changes and get proposal clarification. Jerry further noted that it will take a 2/3rd vote of the attending membership for either proposal to pass.

Ellen Long made a motion that proposal "B" be accepted, Rick Rios seconded; Helen Mehrkens discussed clarification that the vote on this motion involved both the constitution and the by-laws; this was confirmed by Kris Forrester. No further discussion was offered, this voting passed by unanimous consent.

New Officer Nominations:

New officers will take office on July 1, 2005. Call for nominations will happen over the next couple of weeks.

F. Persons to be Heard

President Kris Forrester asked if there were any persons to be heard. None responded.

Closing:

Jerry Balisteri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trish Zugg seconded, no discussion, motion passed by unanimous consent. Time noted to be 1:28pm.