

MAACE Business Meeting
Friday, October 22,2004
Red Lion Hotel, Butte, MT

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Norene Peterson at 8:02 a.m.
- II. Welcome New Members and MAACE Secretary
- III. Minutes of 2003-2004 Business Meeting
The minutes were perused and there were no additions or corrections. Dixie Stark moved to approve minutes; Vicki Mattingly seconded; minutes were approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
Margie Sylvester distributed the treasurer's report. Norene explained to the membership that there are two categories: MAACE and Professional Development. MAACE monies are used to run the organization and professional development monies are spent on conferences and programs for professional development. Mike Joyce suggested that we make up a line item budget for MAACE monies and that we spend some money to get people to the legislature. MAACE is a non-profit organization so it cannot influence any person's vote and we cannot spend money on legislative activities. Dixie Stark moved to accept the treasurer's report, Ellen Guettler seconded. Motion passed.
- V. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members
Norene recognized and thanked Kathy Jackson and Paula Arneson for their service on the MAACE Board.
- VI. Passing of the Gavel
Donna Bakke recognized Norene Peterson for her years of hard work on the MAACE Board. Donna then accepted the gavel as president after a brief message. Becky Bird stated that now is the time to advocate adult education in every community. Timing is critical and the membership was challenged to bring adult education to the forefront in their communities.
- VII. Committee Reports
Awards – Sandy Myers reported that there were no awards this year. Awards will be given in 2006.
Legislative – Donna Bakke described the activities of the legislative committee. Postcards were distributed to students so they could send information regarding their program to legislators. Nancy Kessler was a big help with getting legislative information. Mike Joyce noted that a good way to help legislators remember your program is to host a dinner for all legislators in your area and discuss your program needs. Becky Bird also noted that legislators should be invited to local programs immediately before the legislative session begins. It was also suggested that a MT ABLE day be coordinated and held at the capital.
Bylaws and Resolutions - Dixie Stark described the important changes in the constitution. The main change is board member terms to two years. Currently the board members serve for three years and the officers for two. In some cases

this could mean a term of nine consecutive years. Norene Peterson moved to accept the constitutional changes; Mike Joyce seconded. The membership voted and the motion passed.

Nominations and Elections – We have three newly elected board members. Janis Huff and Detlef Johl are the new at-large board members and Paula Arneson is the new president-elect.

Public Relations – Cathy Smyers informed the membership that the public relations committee handles press releases, new member information, promotions and recruitments.

Conference and Programs – Paula Arneson thanked all those involved with the conference.

Professional Development – Norene reported that a request for proposal will be sent out within three weeks for the professional development position.

Finance – Vicki Mattingly along with Sandy Myers and Nancy Kessler performed an audit on the MAACE books and everything was in order thanks to Margie Sylvester.

Scholarships – Margie Sylvester stated the fall scholarship round was complete with 13 scholarships awarded for the fall conference and 8 for other conferences.

VIII. Old Business

MPAEA - The MPAEA conference was a success and there were good reports. A summary of the conference evaluations were examined by the membership.

Montana LINCS – Norene Peterson noted that the MT LINCS website had great reviews.

IX. New Business

Handbook – Norene Peterson displayed the new handbook for MAACE board members. It sported a snazzy black cover with the MAACE logo.

Professional Development - watch for information.

MPAEA 2005 - Please remember to nominate outstanding educators for the Mountain Plains awards. The conference will be held in Jackson, Wyoming at the Snow King Lodge April 14-16.

Winter Board Meeting – will be held in March at Chico.

X. Other

XI. Adjournment

Norene motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dixie Stark seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.