

**ABEA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**  
**July 19, 2024**  
**POST-Conference**

- I. Call to Order - Tracie Lewis, President
  - A. Called to order at 1:55 pm.
  - B. Members Present: Sandon Williams (Past-President), Tracy Lewis (President), Dorrie McCosh (Secretary), Joni Wilson (DVII), Morgan Ruff (DCTE), Carole Anderson (SBEA/NBEA), Cheryl Harrell (VP), Kim Conant (Webmaster), Randa Mickle (DI), Shawna Knowles (FBLA Collegiate), Sonya Plyler (DIII), Cassie Estes (President-Elect), Stacey Peters (DII), Megan Johnson (Treasurer), Kelley Todd (Executive Director), Misty Burgess (DV) , Molly Thurman (DVI)
  - C. Members Absent:
  
- II. Introductions of the New Board Members.
  
- III. [District Representative Duties](#) - Carole Anderson
  - A. Reach out and promoting ABEA and hit the district conferences in the fall and introduce yourself as the rep and get them involved. Carole will send an email of ideas to reach out for new members.
  
- IV. Conference Report
  - A. Treasurer - Joni Wilson
    1. Number of attendees: 112 registered, 7 no show
    2. Estimated Conference Expenses \$19,465
      - a) Most everything is paid for. Hotel bill came in under budget. T-Shirt bill has not been received.
    3. Foundation Money Raised from Silent Auction was \$1,077 minus CC fees.
  - B. Award Recipients to be forwarded to NBEA.
    1. Sandon Williams will be forwarding the names to NBEA
      - a) Collegiate Teacher of the Year
      - b) Secondary Teacher of the Year
      - c) Middle School Teacher of the Year
      - d) Outstanding Leader of the Year
      - e) Outstanding Supervisor of the Year
      - f) New Teacher of the Year (does NOT get forwarded)
  - C. Good and Bad about Conference
    1. THANK YOU everyone, verbal feedback was great and looking at, so far on survey 34 5\* and 8\* nothing before. Preference mid-July 80% didn't go to ACTE. 48% don't care. 37% wish to be with ACTE, 65% don't want to go with ACTE.
    2. Venue was a hit. Denise Leigh was a hit.
    3. Only bad - 1 person didn't like the round table setup

- V. Mid-Year Meeting
  - A. Virtual Option being evaluated to save on expenditures of hotel, travel, and facilities, more information to come.
  
- VI. New Business
  - A. Next Year's Conference (2025)
    - 1. Date - Try to avoid overlap with Economics AR, CS and ACTE if possible.
    - 2. Venue - looking at possible locations starting now. Consider the Delta Hotels again as they were accommodating and everyone seemed to like the location from this year.
    - 3. Theme - Going Wild, get on board with business, turn up the heat, Blast into business, big bold and business, glow for ABEA.
      - a) Take out circus, keep the list ideas for mid year meeting
    - 4. Speaker - Possibly look into Tonya Skinner from MO. (good upbeat speaker to follow Denise.)
  - B. District IV Representative Appointment
    - 1. Three names were considered
    - 2. Cheryl Harrell made a motion to appoint Shelby Thornton for the District IV Rep.
    - 3. Carole Anderson 2nd the motion
    - 4. All in favor
  - C. Treasurer Appointment
    - 1. Carole Anderson made a motion to appoint Megan Johnson for the Treasurer's position.
    - 2. Sandon Williams 2nd the motion
    - 3. ABEA (Arkansas Business Education Association) account held at Regions Bank needs to be switched from past treasurer to current.
      - a) Add Megan Johnson, Incoming Treasurer
      - b) Add Kelly Todd, Executive Director
      - c) Remove Joni Wilson, Former Treasurer
      - d) Megan Johnson and Kelly Todd can request email/online access along with paper statements being mailed to Megan Johnson.
    - 4. All in favor
  - D. Other New Business
    - 1. Megan Johnson would like to move the funds from Regions bank to Centennial Bank.
    - 2. Carole Anderson made a motion to allow the movement of the ABEA Account from Regions to Centennial Bank.
    - 3. Kim Conant Seconded the motion
    - 4. All in Favor
  
- VII. Adjournment
  - A. Dorrie McCosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting
  - B. Carole Anderson 2nd the motion
  - C. All in Favor
  - D. Adjournment at 2:30 pm

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Secretary of ABEA