

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Mississippi Business Education Association  
September 19, 2014 – Fall Conference Business Meeting  
11:00am  
Courtyard Marriott Beachfront, Gulfport, MS**

**Call to Order**

President Nashandra James called the meeting held on Friday, September 19, 2014 to order at 11:35am. The welcome was given by Gulfport City Councilman R.Lee Flowers.

**Present:** All Conference Attendees, Vendors, and City Councilman R.Lee Flowers.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Dr. Diane Fisher made a motion to approve minutes from the September 27, 2013 Business Meeting; Christy Ferguson seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report**

We currently have **\$9,439.34** in our account. A printed report was presented for review. \$4,895.00 of income was received, and \$1,067.02 in expenses was disbursed. The following expenses were not included in the aforementioned amounts:

Courtyard Marriott Beachfront, Gulfport	\$2,824.54 (approximately)
Joanna Alston – Gifts	\$55.53
Joanna Alston – Miscellaneous	\$111.21
Debbie Brandon – Speaker Gift	\$26.96
Debbie Brandon – Presenter Gifts	\$67.37

Carole Deere moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Margaret Blue seconded the motion.

**SBEA/NBEA Membership Report**

Margaret Blue reported that membership is still low; not only MBEA, but nationwide. The last current roster that Margaret received was from July 28, 2014, as it takes approximately 3 weeks to receive an updated roster from NBEA. We had a total of 78 members. Margaret also pleaded with conference attendees to reach out to colleagues and encourage them to join. Attendance at SBEA and NBEA conferences was also suggested. NBEA's 2016 Conference will be in Las Vegas, NV.

**State Department Update**

Angela Kitchens reported that Teresa Jones is now in the Office of Accreditation. The transition of the 105 and 111 to the 405 and 411 is now in process, and in its first phase. The 105 and 111 endorsements will no longer be valid after this school year. Angela also stated that there is no grandfathering process.

**FBLA/PBL Report**

Jan Guyse reported that at the 2014 FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN, Mississippian educator Banita Ford from St. Martin High School was awarded the National Local Advisor of the Year. Sara Beth Hyde of Sacred Heart High School was a National Who's Who winner was from Hattiesburg, MS. We also had a National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner (Brittany Russell, Intro to Business Communication) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner (Drew Mitchell) from Mississippi. Local Advisor of the Year

was MBEA Board Member, Christy Ferguson. MS Gulf Coast CC placed first in Website Design at the PBL National Conference.

FBLA Membership is currently up to 2,645; FBLA Middle Level is currently 544; and PBL Membership is currently down to 543 members, which is down 200 from last year.

FBLA Fall Leadership Conference will be held at East Central CC, on October 28, 2014. Cost is \$22 and includes two meals (breakfast and lunch from 10am – 2pm).

***Spring FBLA Competitions:***

Feb 5, Jones Community College

Feb 12, East Central Community College

Feb 27, Northeast MS Community College

PBL State Conference is March 25-27, MUW in Columbus

FBLA Student Leadership Conference is April 8-10 at Jackson Marriott

**FBLA/PBL Foundation Report**

Lisa Courtney reported that the foundation donated \$200 to each student who traveled to the national conference. Additionally, two \$1,000 scholarships were donated (\$500 from the foundation/\$500 from local organizations). December 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline; the sooner donations are received, the more interest is accrued. \$465,000 is the approximate balance of our state's foundation.

**MBEA Newsletter**

Gail Warner thanked everyone who submitted articles. The next newsletter will be published by March.

**MBEA Journal**

Amie Crawford reported that she got absolutely no response for journal information.

**Student Awards Update**

Christy Ferguson reported that we had a total of 11 submissions/winners from only four (4) different schools. She also encouraged conference attendees to encourage students to apply in the future for resume enhancement.

**MBEA Fall 2015 Conference Information**

Dr. Michelle Taylor reported that she looks forward to planning next year's conference. Tentative date is Friday, September 18, 2015. Location will be in Starkville, MS or Jackson, MS. Theme: MBEA "IS IT" - (Innovation, Strategies, Integration, Technology). Dr. Taylor stated that she will email all conference attendees a Call for Proposals and give members the opportunity to present at next year's conference and share their own ideas and best practices. The offering of CEUs may also be a possibility.

**Keynote Speaker**

Joanna Alston introduced our keynote speaker, Dr. Sharon Rouse. The topic of Dr. Rouse's keynote address was "Transforming Professional Organizations." Following her address, the Business meeting was postponed for Focus Group and Round Table sessions.

The Business Meeting resumed during Closing Session at 2:45pm.

## Professional Awards Presentations

Debbie Burnham presented the following awards:

- Rookie Business Educator of the Year – NaTanya Johnson
- Middle School/Secondary School Outstanding Educator – Becky Tew
- Outstanding Community/Junior College Educator – Madelon Gruich
- Outstanding Career and Technical Educator – Lisa Courtney
- Outstanding University Business Educator – Dr. Pamela Bracey

## 2014 – 2015 Executive Board Nominating Committee Report

The Current Slate Officers is below:

President	Joanna Alston
President - Elect	Dr. Michelle Taylor
Vice President	Christy Ferguson
Secretary	Dr. Pamela Bracey
Treasurer	Amie Crawford
Historian	Lisa Courtney
Past President	Nashandra James
State Membership Director	Carole Deere
Senior College Representative	Vickie Keel 2013-2016
Jr./Community College Representative	Deborah Brandon 2012-2015
Jr./Community College Representative	Judy Hurtt 2014-2017
High/Middle School Representative	Courtney Coleman 2012-2015
High/Middle School Representative	Carol Jarvis 2012-2015
High/Middle School Representative	Lyndie Lyon 2012-2015
Student Member	VACANT

Margaret Blue moved that the slate be approved, Carole Blue seconded the motion, and members were officially installed by Joyce Hill.

Door prizes were distributed and closing remarks were made by President Joanna Alston.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22pm.