

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting**  
**Mississippi Business Education Association**  
**September 17, 2015**  
**6:15pm**  
**King Edward Hotel, Jackson, MS**

**Call to Order**

President Joanna Alston called the meeting held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 to order at 6:15pm.

**Present:** Gail Warner, Joyce Hill, Christy Ferguson, Jan Guyse, Joanna Alston, Lisa Courtney, Lyndie Lyon, Vickie Keel, Deborah Brandon, Amie Crawford, Tammie Brewer, Carole Deere, Judy Hurtt, Nashandra James, Dr. Pamela Bracey, and Dr. Michelle Taylor

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Nashandra James made a motion to approve prior minutes; Lisa Courtney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

We currently have **\$7,575.69** in our account. A printed report was presented for review. **\$11,815.00** of income was received, and **\$9,857.78** in expenses was disbursed. Approximately **\$3,675** in additional income is expected to be received tomorrow, and **\$1,029.69** in outstanding anticipated expenses are not included in the aforementioned amounts.

Amie Crawford suggested that all future stipend payments should require travel documentation to help with our future non-profit application status. Lisa Courtney made a motion to provide documentation for travel stipends stating that funds received were not reimbursed by another source. Carole Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amie Crawford also suggested that the membership fee be included in the conference registration fee henceforth. Approximately 22 non-members will be attending the conference tomorrow. It was agreed that the non-members will be allowed to remain in the business meeting at tomorrow's conference, but they will not get membership cards. Christy Ferguson then moved that starting in 2016, conference fees would also include membership dues. Carole Deere seconded it. The motion carried. The status of the non-profit application was also discussed. Amie will email the document for review to all board members.

Carole Deere moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Lyndie Lyon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**President-Elect's Report/Fall Conference Update**

Michelle reported that a total of 149 people are registered; a few more have stated that they will pay on site. She stated that only 150 bags were ordered, so if many additional attendees arrive, board members should volunteer to give their bags to guests and not take bags upon arrival. Michelle thanked the Board for all of their assistance in making sure that the conference was a success. She also stated that we have a great list of vendors, and they will also be available for Christy to contact next year. She stated that we must definitely visit and thank the Atlanta Federal Reserve and McGraw Hill since they were our top donors. Each exhibitor has a sticker and question for a scavenger hunt to get traffic moving into the exhibitor room.

There will be a 50/50 raffle at this year's conference. All proceeds will be donated toward a scholarship for a graduate student member. Judy Hurtt moved to start a scholarship for a graduate student based upon the amount of the 50/50 raffle, and Nashandra James seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **SBEA Membership Report**

We have 74 current members of MBEA. 44 members have lapsed, but Carole Deere will be set up tomorrow to have a gift card drawing for those who register for NBEA at tomorrow's conference.

Lisa Courtney made a motion to pause the meeting while dinner is served at 7:20pm. Pam Bracey seconded the motion; the vote carried. The meeting resumed at 7:40pm upon Lisa's motion. Vickie Keel seconded the motion; the vote carried.

### **Professional Awards**

Joanna read Debbie Burnham's report, and stated that submissions were low this year, and we did not get submissions for Rookie of the Year or Middle School Teacher of the Year.

### **MBEA Newsletter**

Gail Warner thanked everyone who submitted articles. Two newsletters were emailed this year.

### **FBLA/PBL Report**

Jan Guyse reported the dates for the upcoming conferences and recognitions.

FBLA Fall Leadership Conference will be held at ECCC, on October 20, 2015.

#### ***Spring FBLA Competitions:***

Feb 4, Jones Community College (Southern District)

Feb 11, East Central Community College (Central District)

Feb 25, Northeast MS Community College (Northern District)

PBL Conference is March 9-11, 2016, MUW in Columbus

FBLA SLC is April 6 - 8, 2016 at Jackson Marriott

FLBA/PBL National Leadership Conference will be held June 2016.

### **FBLA/PBL Foundation Report**

Lisa Courtney reported that more students were eligible for foundation funds this year. Each student received \$135, and two scholarships were given.

### **Old Business**

The constitution and by-laws were reviewed, and it was decided that they would not be read in full during the conference since all members received them via email two weeks ago.

### **New Business**

Tammie Brewer spoke about ACTE Membership, as well as DECA Membership. She also informed the board that Michelle Taylor is running for President of the ACTE Business Education division.

Regarding DECA, she stated that more business-oriented categories have now been added to their competitions which makes it a valuable resource for business teachers.

***SBEA Conference, Kingsport, TN: October 21 -24, 2015***

Joanna stated that Mississippi had four representatives traveling to SBEA. Christy Ferguson made a motion for a \$350 stipend for those traveling to SBEA. Nashandra James seconded that motion. The vote carried. Michelle Taylor has already covered the Silent Auction gift, no additional funds will be donated for any food for the conference due to lack of requests.

***2015 - 2016 Executive Board Office Nominations***

The Current Slate Officers is below:

President	Dr. Michelle Taylor
President - Elect	Christy Ferguson
Vice President	Dr. Pamela Bracey
Secretary	Debra Breland
Treasurer	Lyndie Lyon
Historian	Lisa Courtney
Past President	Joanna Alston
State Membership Director	Carole Deere
Senior College Representative	Vickie Keel 2013-2016
Jr./Community College Representative	Judy Hurtt 2014-2017
Jr./Community College Representative	Kim Starks 2015-2018
High/Middle School Representative	Haley Prentiss 2015-2018
High/Middle School Representative	Nashandra James 2015-2018
High/Middle School Representative	Lyndie Lyon 2013-2016
Student Member	Melinda Parnell 2015-2016

Carole Deere moved that the slate be approved, Vickie Keel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

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Minutes submitted by Dr. Pamela Bracey, MBEA Secretary