

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Mississippi Business Education Association
September 14, 2017**

Call to Order

The Executive Board of the Mississippi Business Education Association (MBEA) met on September 14, 2017, at Dragos Seafood Restaurant, County Line Road, Jackson, Mississippi. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Christy Ferguson. The following other board members were present: Debra Breland, Pamela Bracey, Lisa Courtney, Amie Crawford, Carole Deere, Nashandra James, Suzanne Johnson, Angela Kitchens, Lyndie Lyon, Debbie Moore, Katrina Myricks, Michelle Taylor, and Crystal White.

Minutes from June 13, 2017, Meeting

The minutes from the June 13, 2017, meeting were presented by secretary, Debra Breland, with a motion by Carole Deere that they be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Nashandra James. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Lyndie Lyon. The report covered the period January 1, 2017, through September 13, 2017. The beginning balance was \$4,877.47, total income was \$5,496.61, expenses totaled \$1,898.57, leaving an ending balance of \$8,475.51. A motion was made by Michelle Taylor to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Lisa Courtney. The motion carried.

President-Elect's Report

President-Elect Pamela Bracey reported that the 2017 MBEA Fall Conference will have approximately 110 in attendance. Different photo backdrops will be available where photos can be taken to shared on social media. Pam asked members if they haven't paid for door prizes to do so now. She also asked for volunteers to assist in registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Membership Report

Carole Deere reported that current membership is 60, down from 74 last year with several lapsed memberships. There are no student members and only one retired member.

Carole also mentioned the SBEA convention in Savannah, Georgia. The registration fee is \$240 if paid before October 2 with an additional \$50 after October 2. Rooms will be \$179 per night. For more information see her tomorrow or visit the SBEA website.

Professional/Student Awards

Suzanne Johnson reported that 20 student awards were given.

Webmaster's Report

Nashandra James stated that the website has been updated with all information that was given to her. Dates for associated organizations are also updated. She asked for anyone with information to be posted to send it to her as soon as possible.

Newsletter Report

Members reported that not everyone received the last newsletter. Katrina Myricks stated that she used the email list of members that was provided to her. Katrina plans to publish another newsletter soon.

DECA Report

Debbie Moore reported on behalf of Sandra Parker. Debbie reported that by October 1 six individuals had placed at the national level.

FBLA/PBL Report

Debbie Moore reported that three FBLA members and 28 PBL members placed in the top ten at the National Leadership Conferences this summer. A boot camp will be held prior to nationals to help students be better prepared for their competitive events. Nine new FBLA chapters have been formed this year.

FBLA/PBL Foundation Report

Lisa Courtney reported that the Foundation disbursed \$125 to each eligible student attending the FBLA and PBL National Leadership Conference. Two Rufus T. Jones scholarships were awarded. The Foundation Agreement has been revised to include the new address for BankPlus, and this new agreement will be emailed to advisers.

Old Business

Becoming an affiliate member of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) was discussed. It was reported that 40% of vendors with booths at the MBEA Fall Conference are members of ISTE. Most vendors look at ISTE. Having our name recognized on their website will help put our name out. Nashandra will research membership and find out the cost, and ISTE will be discussed more at the next Board meeting.

New Business

Stipends for 2016 SBEA Convention. The stipends for the 2016 SBEA Convention in Savannah, Georgia, on October 25-28, 2017, were discussed. A motion was made by Michelle Taylor that Carole Deere and Pamela Bracey receive a stipend of \$240 which will cover the registration fee. Crystal White seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SBEA Leadership Development Seminar Delegates. Carole Deere stated that MBEA needs three delegates to attend the Leadership Development Seminar. No Board member volunteered, and Carole will promote the Seminar tomorrow.

SBEA Event Sponsorship and Silent Auction Item. MBEA's donation to sponsor an event at SBEA and the silent auction item for SBEA was discussed. The motion was made by Carole Deere that MBEA allocate \$100 to sponsor an event and spend up to \$100 for auction item. Lisa Courtney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2017-2018 MBEA Officers. The slate of 2017-2018 MBEA officers was approved earlier by the MBEA Board by email. The following slate will be presented to the membership at the Business Meeting tomorrow:

Vice President – Debbie Wilson
Secretary – Angela Hawthorne
Treasurer – Michelle Taylor
Membership Director – Carole Deere
Junior College Representative – Marcus Henley
Junior College Representative – Tiffany Perryman
Student Member – Khalil Cain
Historian – Lisa Courtney
MS ACTE Representative – Kate Scott

Other Business

A discussion was held regarding combining the 2018 MBEA Fall Conference with the 2018 SBEA Convention in Mobile, Alabama. Amie stated the importance of our supporting the regional association. She feels that we need to do this. Amie Crawford made the motion that we combine the 2018 MBEA Fall Conference with the 2018 SBEA Convention in Mobile. Crystal White seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Announcements and Adjournment

No other questions, comments or announcements were made. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Debra Breland, Secretary