

**Minutes of the Business Meeting  
Mississippi Business Education Association  
September 15, 2017  
Hilton Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi**

**Call to Order**

President Christy Ferguson called the meeting held on Friday, September 15, 2017, to order at 12:30 p.m. All conference attendees and some vendors were present.

**Keynote Speaker**

Pamela Bracey introduced our keynote speaker, Mrs. Margaret Blue. The topic of Mrs. Blue's keynote address was "Professional Association Membership + Leadership = Superpower."

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Secretary Debra Breland asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2016, Business Meeting. Lisa Courtney made the motion and Carole Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Lyndie Lyon reported that we currently have a balance of **\$8,475.51** in our account. A printed copy of the report was provided for review. A total of **\$5,496.61** was reported as income and a total of **\$1,898.57** was reported in expenses. Carole Deere made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Nashandra James seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SBEA Update and Membership Report**

Carole Deere reported that there are 120 MBEA members with zero student members and one retired member. There have been over 43 membership lapses since 2015.

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, contact her or visit the SBEA website.

**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.

### **Webmaster's Report**

Nashandra James stated that the website has been updated. She encouraged members to go to the website for MBEA information.

### **MBEA Newsletter and Journal**

Katrina Myrick reported that she e-mailed the February newsletter and found that many did not receive the newsletter. She is now looking at the distribution list and making sure all addresses are correct. She will be submitting the newsletter to Nashandra to place on the website.

### **Proposed Bylaws Revision**

Lisa Courtney reported that the reason for the proposed change to the by-laws is that last Spring MBEA went through the process of becoming a non-profit organization. The Internal Revenue Service recommended that we add a non-discrimination statement to the constitution and by-laws. The proposed wording is as follows, with the new text in bold:

Section 1. Any person interested in supporting and advancing the purposes of the Mississippi Business Education Association shall be eligible for membership. **It is the policy of the Mississippi Business Education Association to ensure equal membership and service opportunity without discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, marital status, citizenship, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law.**

Lisa asked for a motion that the proposed amendment be approved. Christy Ferguson made the motion and the motion was seconded by Carole Deere. The motion carried.

### **Professional Awards Presentation**

Suzanne Johnson presented the following professional awards:

Middle School/Secondary Business Educator of the Year: Amie Crawford, West Point High School

Community/Junior College Business Educator of the Year: Leigh Easterling, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Wesson Campus

Rookie Business Educator of the Year: Lyndie Lyon, West Jones High School

Career and Technical Business Educator of the Year: Joyce Hill, Choctaw

Distinguished Service Award: Lisa Courtney

### **MBEA Fall 2018 Conference Information**

Amie Crawford reported that Mississippi Business Education Association and Alabama Business Education Association will be co-hosting the 2018 SBEA Convention. MBEA's Fall Conference will be a part of the SBEA Convention. The dates for the convention are October 17-20, 2018, at the Renaissance Riverview in Downtown Mobile. Registration information will follow at a later date.

### **2017-2018 Officers**

Joanna Alston presented the following slate of 2017-2018 MBEA officers:

President	Dr. Pamela Bracey
President-Elect	Amie Crawford
Vice President	Debbie Wilson
Secretary	Angela Hawthorne
Treasurer	Dr. Michelle Taylor
Jr./Community College Representative	Marcus Henley
Jr./Community College Representative	Tiffany Perryman
Senior College Representative	Dr. Becky Smith
Mississippi ACTE Representative	Kate Scott
Student Member	Alexis Wrigley

The motion was made by Carole Deere and seconded by Lisa Courtney to accept the slate as presented. The motion carried.

Joanna introduced the returning board members.

Historian	Lisa Courtney
Past President	Christy Ferguson
State Membership Director	Carole Deere
High/Middle School Representative	Haley Zehner
High/Middle School Representative	Shari Dantzler
High/Middle School Representative	Nashandra James

### **Concluding Remarks, Announcements, and Adjournment**

Door prizes were awarded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Debra Breland, Secretary