



A4LE NE Region Executive Board Meeting 9-8-2016

Convened at 12:00

Present: Robert Hendriks, Janell Weihs, Callie Gaspary, Phil Poinelli, David Schrader, Paul Bradshaw, Jim Hutchison, Cyndi Smith, John Ramsey

Absent: Melissa Wilfong, Ron Lamarre, Jason Boone

MINUTES:

1) Approval of minutes from the 07.28.16 meeting

Approved

2) New Business:

a) Election :

- i) Jason Boone and Callie Gaspary have been nominated. However, Callie declined.
- ii) The Board approved a general election with Jason Boone and an option for a write-in candidate.

b) 2017 Regional Conference Dates – Providence RI

- i) Property: Curio Biltmore <http://curiocollection3.hilton.com/en/hotels/rhode-island/providence-biltmore-curio-collection-by-hilton-PVDCUQQ/about/index.html>
- ii) The contract dates are March 14-18. The conference will be March 16-18.
- iii) Next steps:
 - (1) Assemble a team: Cyndi and Ron will lead. Jim H has volunteered to assist.
 - (2) develop a theme Cyndi and Ron.

3) Old Business:

a) International Conference Update– 2016 – Cyndi Smith/Janell

i) Volunteers

- (1) Several are still needed David has volunteered several of his staff members from SCHRADERGOUNP, and Jim has volunteered several from Studio JAED. Janell will coordinate and inform us of any additional needs.

ii) Hospitality

- (1) There is no availability at this hotel for a Regional hospitality suite.

iii) Regional Meeting

- (1) Our regional meeting will be on Friday afternoon. There may be an opportunity to extend this timeslot and provide a regional hospitality mini-event.

iv) Regional Event (Saturday night)

- (1) Franklin institute Planetarium room: <https://www.fi.edu/heart-engine-of-life?gclid=CP7H-6ukgM8CFRUdgQodZWQEaA>
- (2) There will be an opportunity for a brief welcome from our region: David and Cyndi
- v) Northeast Region attendance
 - (1) We are approximately 32 attendees shy of our goal stated in the MOU. Therefore, we need to focus on gaining attendance. We should each solicit at least five people to attend through personal e-mails and phone calls.
 - (2) The event hotel is booked and this is a bit of an issue. Janell is going to attempt to find alternative reasonably priced lodging. She will get that info to us as soon as she can. David suggested Conshohocken, University City, and the airport.

4) **Reports:**

- a) Treasurer's Report
 - i) Current balance is \$61,483.81
 - ii) Deposit of \$150 for the NE Design awards
 - iii) Withdrawal of \$1,960 for half of our 80% obligation for Mary Lee advanced academy scholarship
 - (1) David noted that Mary Lee and the School District of Philadelphia have been supportive and active in assisting and supporting this event.
- b) International Board – Phil Poinelli
 - i) The organization is strong
 - ii) Initiatives
 - (1) Global task force chaired by Philip Idle focused on getting A4LE beyond normal reach
 - (2) Membership committee is exploring student chapters within chapters. Tied to Schools Next
 - (3) There is consideration for a leadership Academy to provide leadership training within the organization
 - (4) International is beginning a comprehensive technology overhaul.
 - iii) There will be an opportunity for regional leader's summit sometime on Friday during the LearningScapes conference. It will focus on governance that will accommodate global growth. Invitation to follow.
- c) Membership - Jason Boone
 - i) No report
- d) New England Chapter-Ron Lamarre
 - i) No report
- e) NY Chapter-Callie Gasparly
 - i) November 10 event in Rochester
 - ii) The Chapter is focusing on more day long, or half day events, trying to include all regions of the State.
 - iii) A4LE booth at state conference in October 27-29.
- f) Chesapeake Bay/Delaware Valley Chapter-Cyndi Smith
 - i) Conference call next week to discuss Chapter leadership.
 - ii) There were no nominations for future leaders

- iii) Jim mentioned that Pam Babuca may be interested in chapter leadership
- g) Schools Next – Paul Bradshaw
 - i) St. Michaels and Fredrick HS will be at the conference. St. Michael will be in the Schools Next competition. Fredrick HS will have an exhibit about expanding SchoolsNext into High schools.
 - ii) Frederick HS is requesting the NE region to assist with sponsorship. They have a \$1,500 gap.
 - (1) The board approved sponsorship of \$1,500.

5) Meeting adjourned at 12:59.

Respectfully Submitted,



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