

Association for Learning Environments Southwest Region

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: July 18, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Pacific

Call in: 1-877-326-0011 / *7408569*

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order – Wade Simpson
 - a) Roll Call: (min. 8- or EC Quorum) –Gary Payne
 - i) **Wade Simpson**, Kevin Kemner, **Marsha Perry-Taras**, Bill Gould, **Tom Rushin**, **Gary Payne**, Bill Heinicke, **Julie Williams**, **excused**, Mark Davenport, Elizabeth Hawkins (AZ), Benjamin Gardner (NM), Ken Field (RMC), Hana Wright (UT), **Laura Knauss** (N.CA/Nev), **Donna Robinson** (HQ), **Kari-Elin Mock** (SchoolsNEXT),
 - ii) Guests: **Weston Weekes**
- 2) Meeting Minutes Approval June 2016—Gary Payne
 - a) **Tom moved to approve, Mary moved to second.**
- 3) President’s Report-Wade Simpson
 - a) **Talked with Mary Morris on second place team and fund raising efforts.**
- 4) Financial Report Approval- Tom Rushin
 - a) **Current balance \$33,241.25**
- 5) International Board Update –Julie Williams excused, but sent the following for inclusion to the minutes.
 - a) Below is a summary of A4LE organizational activities. The board has not met since our last phone meeting. We are scheduled to meet this Thursday. Additional items have been discussed in relation to membership which I have attached
 - b) Summary of Organizational Activities
 - c) We will be meeting this Thursday for a regularly scheduled meeting. We did not meet in June.
 - d) Attached are the minutes from the last board meeting.
 - e) Attached is the Student membership proposal that will be presented at our next meeting for discussion. Kari Elin and Marsha disappointed in the student restrictions. Donna will make note and bring it up to Julie.
 - f) Attached is the updated and discussion to the organization’s strategic plan.
 - g) The membership committee proposed have an emerging professional seat at the international board. The board discussed the item and suggested the placement for leadership occur at the chapter and regional levels. The membership committee is proposing a counter suggestion to this item.
 - h) Surveys have been circulated to the membership and outside business/districts/colleges to gain insight and feedback on emerging professionals, needs, and membership. Results of the extended survey are still on going.

6) Committee Reports:

- i) Membership and Chapter Development Committee Chair- Bill Heinicke
 - (1) No report
- ii) SchoolsNext- Kari-elin Mock
 - (1) Update on SchoolsNEXT Fundraising for teams- Mary Morris
 - (a) Call last week reviewed the final draft of the high school criteria. Should go to Board at the next meeting. Should be ready for Fall.**
 - (b) Mary checking on fund raising for the 2nd place team.**

7) Chapter Reports

- a) Arizona- Elizabeth Hawkins
 - i) **Last Friday had a Tucson school tour/lunch. 22 registered.**
 - ii) **AZ chapter to recruit for Schools Next**
- b) New Mexico- Benjamin Gardner
 - i) No report
- c) Northern California/Nevada- Laura Knauss
 - i) **July 28, tour of colleges/career/technical projects in the San Jose area. Emerging professionals are the focus. Donna requested pictures of the event so she can post them on the Chapter home page. Pictures they have from past events will be sent as well.**
- d) Rocky Mtn- Ken Field
 - i) **Kari-Elin reported on the last program. 9 districts participated about upcoming bond referendums for up to \$4 billion. 70 attendees. Green Apple Day of Service coming up, they want to participate in.**
- e) Utah- Hana Wright
 - i) **Planning meeting on the July 26 for the Regional Conference (Weston). Starts at 9:30, include Donna.**

8) Open Issues/Discussion

- a) Creation of SoCal Chapter
 - i) **Laura could help, but need someone locally to spear head the effort. Julie could make recommendations as it is her region.**
- b) Chapter officer open positions
 - i) **AZ- President Elect and At-Large- opening up nominations this week, went out last week. No names submitted yet. Remind people of the openings.**
 - ii) **UT- President Elect, several At-Large and Sec/Treas.- opened up last week. No names submitted formally, but suggest Alex Booth be considered.**

- iii) RMC- President Elect, Sec/Treasurer and several At-Large. **Kari-Elin asked for the timelines of the other chapters. Closes mid-September. Process should be complete at International Conference. Please coordinate efforts with Donna.**
- iv) NM- All positions
 - (1) **No elections since conference was held there. Wade will reach out to Benjamin to see what efforts can be made to get them moving on Chapter. Network gathering can be helpful.**
- v) NoCal- President Elect and At-Large positions
 - (1) **Timeline not set as this is their first round of elections. They need to recruit some existing members for the first year for continuity, then bring in new folks. Will use the event on July 28 for this purpose. Donna has brochures and water bottles if anyone wants them for events.**
- 9) Adjournment
 - a) **Adjourned at 3:40 pm Pacific**