

# Association for Learning Environments Southwest Region

## Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 15, 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, 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 July 2016—Gary Payne
  - a) Motion to approve, Bill, approved. Tom seconded
- 3) President’s Report-Wade Simpson
  - a) **No report**
- 4) Financial Report Approval- Tom Rushin
  - a) **No activity \$33241.25 is the balance.**
- 5) 2017 Conference Planning Update- Marsha Perry-Taras
  - a) **Weston reported: dates, speakers, work on sponsors. Theme is Learning Elevated. No firm commitment yet. Regional events should include sponsors from all the chapters. Have printed save the date postcards, prepared by Donna to Philly to hand out. Wade suggests a goal of one sponsor per chapter.**
- 6) International Board Update –Julie Williams
  - a) **No report from Julie. Donna shared regarding a meeting last week for a student membership proposal. Also working on the emerging professionals to join.**
  - b) **Create a new strategic plan for the organization may be in the works.**
  - c) **An emerging professional seat at the Regional/Chapter level is encouraged. More experience is needed before serving on the International Board. Wade asked about filling this position. Right now it is just a suggestion to be researched further.**
- 7) Committee Reports:
  - i) Membership and Chapter Development Committee Chair- Bill Heinicke

- (1) **Also talking about emerging professionals. Discussed a possible gathering in Philly to bring them together. Should be hosted by someone knowledgeable in the association.**
  - (2) **Bill has a proposal for an emerging professionals workshop.**
- ii) SchoolsNext- Kari-elin Mock
  - (1) **No report.**
  - (2) Update on SchoolsNEXT Fundraising for teams- Mary Morris
  - (3) **2<sup>nd</sup> place team decided not to go to Philly. Item closed.**
  - (4) **Mary, with schools starting up, now is the time to get teams/schools excited. Existing program should be the basis for a high school curriculum. Curriculum being prepared for high school students.**
- 8) Chapter Reports – update on elections
  - a) Arizona- Elizabeth Hawkins
    - i) Tucson events completed. Struggling to get people involved in upcoming elections.
  - b) New Mexico- Benjamin Gardner
    - i) **No report**
  - c) Northern California/Nevada- Laura Knauss
    - i) **San Jose event at college level went very well. 20 plus people joined the tour. Different people have been coming to each event so word is getting out.**
    - ii) **Kevin K working on a Reno tour in Sept. San Mateo in January. One more event scheduled in October.**
    - iii) **9 people interested in joining the Board.**
    - iv) **Co-events with similar groups are being planned.**
  - d) Rocky Mtn- Ken Field
    - i) **Last month they had an event regarding the upcoming bond. Working on getting new people into the Board consisting of 12 people now.**
    - ii) **We have ability to be distributors of information for many groups. Want to improve the web page to spread the word (Jennifer and Sue).**
  - e) Utah- Hana Wright
    - i) **Weston reported for Hanna that he is working on the conference. 9 am meeting tomorrow to visit one of the schools on the tour.**
- 9) Open Issues/Discussion
  - a) Hosting of International Board and Strategic Plan meeting at 2017 Conference-Donna Robinson
    - i) **Opportunity to host the International Board and 2 guests from each Region for the SLC conference. We would have offer complementary registration and ensure availability of accommodations. Costs associated with meeting covered by International. Tom believes we should do this as we did in Berkeley. We may need to provide for larger conference rooms for 26-30 people. Increases costs across the event, but wasn't an overwhelming cost in**

**Berkeley. Tom thinks it was less than \$2000. Meals would also be absorbed by the conference. Motion to approve Tom, to submit our interest in participating, Kevin seconded. Motion passed.**

b) 2018 SW Region Conference- RMC- Donna Robinson

i) **Donna is starting early to get this one going to secure space.**

c) **SW Region Meeting at LearningSCAPES- Sept 30, 2016 6:30-7:30 pm (in person, no call).**

**Room assignments will be coming from Donna.**

10) Adjournment **4:44 pm**