

**PAACE Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
February 9, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Diane Inverso, Lori Keefer, Cheryl Hiester, Anita Cola, Alex Dow, Tana Reiff, Monica Shields, Bootsie Barbour, Martin Senger, Cathie Whitmire, Katherine Vastine, Kim Rossman, Tim Shenk, Mary Anne Varacalli, Shawn Barnum, Ann Janowicz, Marcia Anderson, Sara Ward, Bob McNeill, JoAnn Weinberger, Danielle Blanchard-Krane, Sheila Sherow, Mary Mingle,

**Absent:** Susan Adams, Lori McMonigal, Kathy Pavel, Lynne Watson, Gary Dean, Chuck Klinger, Sandra Edmunds, Susan Mansuetti, Eileen Kocher

Diane called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and the minutes from January's Board Meeting were approved as sent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Alex reported that he didn't have too much new information this month but did report that the organization had a \$20,000 net profit for the year. He referred to the attachments to his board report and emphasized that he tried to simplify the treasurer's duties as much as possible for ease of transition. Marcia moved to approve accept the Treasurer's Report. Mary seconded and the motion carried.

Diane welcomed Ann Janowicz as the new Central Regional Representative and Ann introduced herself. Diane also offered congratulations to Alex who will become a father in July.

**Board Reports:** Diane thanked board members for their annual reports and they were approved.

**Conference Reporting:** First, Lori offered congratulations to Diane for being chosen as Adult Administrator of the Year. She will accept this award in March at the COABE Conference.

Lori then reported that she had received 122 proposals and expects them to be read by Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and presenters to be notified by Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Seventy people have registered for the conference as of 02/08/2010 and Lori thanked the PDCs for offering scholarships for some attendees.

The March board Meeting will be held at the Penn Stater and will include a tour, etc. She is continuing to work on the exhibit hall, conference bags, and seems to be ahead of schedule. She mentioned that Doug Smith will stay for the entire conference and Lori would like to have some sort of "Thinkfinity" exhibit. Diane asked board members to send ideas to Lori.

Exhibit hours will be from 12:00 p.m. Tuesday until 12:00 p.m. Thursday.

Lori is also working on entertainment. She would like to have some kind of calypso, reggae, or steel drum band as background music during the banquet.

The Bureau will offer two sessions. One will detail the general state of ABLE and the other will include data, numbers and statistics. These will be scheduled prior to lunch on Wednesday.

Diane asked for suggestions for Outstanding Adult Educator and Joan Leopold awards and also thanked members for submitting proposals.

**Award Committee:** Katherine summarized that the awards were designed to recognize adult education practitioners for their hard work and mentioned a Power Point presentation with photos, etc. Diane suggested that Katherine have a discussion with Mary Anne, Tana and Kim around the awards and the presentation.

**Legislative Update:** JoAnn was awaiting the Governor's budget announcement and informed the group that news from Washington was disappointing. The President reduced the State budget by \$12 million which translates to a 10% reduction status. JoAnn will schedule a call with the legislative committee in March to lay out a plan of action.

**Annual Meeting:** Sara reported that 20 members are registered for the annual meeting and asked all members of the Board to register and attend. She will offer practice sessions for registrants sometime this week.

**By-Law Revision:** Bob asked for questions relative to the by-laws. He also asked for help in phrasing a question regarding voting on revisions to the by-laws that would be sent to members.

Tana suggested putting the vote before the Board and then sending it out to members for ratification.

Bob will put together a synopsis of major changes of the by-laws which will be included in the text sent to members. A draft of the by-laws will be attached to this posting. The phrasing will be something like, "Board members approved revisions to the by-laws. Do you agree?" Sara suggested a short turn around time (one week) on the question and a reminder one day prior to the deadline.

Kim moved to approve the revisions to the by-laws. Sara seconded and the motion carried.

Diane thanked Bob and Sara for their hard work on this task.

**Division/Committee Chairs:** Cheryl reported that she had submitted her annual report which included defining division roles and goals and she asked board members to review it. Bootsie complimented Cheryl on providing such good leadership in this task.

**Membership:** Danielle reported that there are currently 288 active members and 60 pending. She also updated the membership brochure and talked with Suzanne Webster. She estimated a total of approximately 500 members when all is said and done.

At this point, Diane spoke briefly about her year as PAACE President and commented on what a great professional development opportunity it was. She reported that the new executive committee would be introduced at the annual meeting and that she was very pleased to present Lori with a full board.  
She wished everyone good luck!

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Cathie seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Cola  
Secretary