

October 14, 2008
PAACE Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.

Residence at Governor Square Apartments, Harrisburg

Present: Tana Reiff, Diane Inverso, Lori Keefer, Bill Schaffer, Anita Cola, Randy Bacon, Kim Rossman, Mary Anne Varacalli, Mona Shields, Susan Adams, Cheryl Hiester, Suzanne Webster, Destiny Long, JoAnn Weinberger, Sheila Sherow, Martin Senger, Cathie Whitmire, Susan Mansuetti, Katherine Vastine

Absent: Alex Dow, Jim Yeager, Bootsie Barbour, Ulicia Lawrence, Becky Wagner, Eileen Kocher, Chuck Klinger, Gary Dean, Debbie Hrach, Lori McMonigal

Guests: Rose Brandt (11:00 – 12:25)

Tana called the meeting to order at 10:05, board members introduced themselves. Tana went through the board reports submitted electronically and asked for comments. She and Kim talked briefly about the relationship between TLC and PAACE. Kim will provide the board with any information she can find. Ulicia has agreed to assist in clarifying the relationship.

Discussion of conference plans was deferred to the afternoon meeting of the planning committee.

Suzanne noted that membership dates have been globally changed to December 1 – November 30 in GiftTool and she manually fixed the lifetime memberships. Mona said that she's working on conference and membership issues. Bill reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Lori moved to approve the board reports. JoAnn seconded and the motion carried.

JoAnn moved to approve the treasurer's report. Randy seconded and after some discussion, the motion carried.

Bill moved to approve September minutes. Diane seconded and the minutes were approved with a few changes to page 2.

Old Business: Lori reviewed the strategic plan, which she updated with action steps, and asked for additions and suggestions from the board as well as ideas for marketing and communication to get new members. Lori and Tana have submitted a proposal for a conference roundtable about serving on the board.

New Business: Concerning the organization's investments, Bill moved to open a 6-month Certificate of Deposit with HSBC in the amount of \$50,000 and to formulate an investment policy for PAACE during those six months. Martin seconded and the motion carried. The finance committee will discuss investment strategies and report back to the board in March. Members of this ad hoc committee include Tana, Cheryl, Martin, Mona, Bill and Chuck.

Debbie Hrach will put out an email to PAACE members regarding nominations for the PAACE Executive Board and there will be an online ballot.

Rose Brandt contributed to a discussion of the ABLE/L&I status, which has been a PAACE advocacy focus. Next steps suggested were:

1. Ask the Governor for a response from the Secretary of Education.
2. Respond to Sandi Vito's letter to Tana. (handout)
3. Ask the Secretary of Education how the PDE is responding.
4. Continue and expand the effort to educate our legislators.
5. Ensure that PAACE has a place and voice in discussions regarding ABLE's relationship with the state workforce development system, through the ABLE ICC and/or other groups.
6. Provide research on ABLE students in relation to workforce development. PAACE invited Rose to suggest areas of research that we could use to support our position.

Our November meeting will be a conference call on the 11th and December's meeting will be in State College.

At 12:25, Randy moved to adjourn. Lori seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Cola
Secretary