

August 5, 2008
PAACE Board Meeting
Conference Call

Present: Tana Reiff, Diane Inverso, Lori Keefer, Anita Cola, Monica Shields, Bootsie Barbour, Cathie Whitmire, Katherine Vastine, Cheryl Hiester, Mary Anne Varacalli, Randy Bacon, Rebecca Serfass Wagner, Alex Dow, Ulicia Lawrence, JoAnn Weinberger, Suzanne Webster, Sheila Sherow, Jim Yeager, Susan Mansuetti, Eileen Kocher, Bob McNeill

Absent: Bill Schaffer, Chuck Klinger, Susan Adams, Martin Senger, Lori McMonigal, Kim Rossman, Ginger McCool, Destiny Long, Gary Dean, Debbie Hrach

Tana called the meeting to order at 10:07 am and Anita took attendance.

Cathie Whitmire moved to approve the June minutes with a few changes. Randy seconded and the motion carried.

Tana read the report sent by Treasurer Bill Schaeffer and noted that we wouldn't have a report to approve at this meeting and she also said that she would direct questions regarding reimbursement, etc. directly to Bill

President's Report: Tana started the discussion with the PEL report and PAACE's follow up. At this point, there are 1565 signatures and the anticipated deadline will tentatively be August 7th at midnight. She will compile the signatures, create a PDF and send a hard copy to the Governor on Friday. Tana will choose some of the best comments on the list to highlight and she asks us to do that as well.

JoAnn and Tana are working on some talking points and a user friendly editorial so that PAACE members are provided with information and evidence that we're comfortable presenting. Diane added that community colleges and CTCs are revolting against this move as well as adult education.

Alex and JoAnn talked a little about a "day in Harrisburg" but everyone felt that it would be a huge undertaking between buses, publicity, and speakers. Cheryl asked if Tana had any feedback from the Bureau and Tana mentioned that PDE and L&I are talking and there are definite areas of disagreement. She said that Rose was invited to the meeting but was on vacation and Tana didn't feel comfortable speaking for her.

JoAnn is advising and encouraging members to visit legislators until 9/15 or 9/16 or at least making phone calls and Tana asked us to aim for 2000 signatures by the end of the week.

1st Vice President: Diane talked about the possible keynote speaker and honorary chairs for the Midwinter Conference. She has made no definitive choice but asks members to make recommendations. One suggestion was Ian Baptiste, a controversial "Professor in Charge" of Adult Education at PSU. JoAnn asked Diane to approve the invitation and

expenses for David Rosen for the legislative session on Wednesday afternoon during the Midwinter Conference. Diane gave the OK. Monica is working on the format of the RFP and how it should work in GiftTool. We also talked about the logo for the conference and members complimented Tana on her design.

2nd Vice President: Lori talked shortly about the next steps in strategic planning and suggested that we have small group discussion within the context of our next board meeting. Members again reiterated how effective Lori was as a facilitator for the strategic planning session at the June meeting and how well written and articulate the new plan was.

Organizational Director: Monica had nothing much to add to the report she sent on Friday, but again requested suggestions from members regarding presenters and speakers for the Midwinter Conference.

Board Reports: Mary Anne moved to approve the board reports with a few corrections. Cathie seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business: Randy moved to approve the Strategic Plan for years 2008-2011 as submitted by Lori Keefer. JoAnn seconded and the motion carried.

Diane discussed meal costs for the conference and noted that we're using a 2008 menu but 2009 prices. The 2009 menu will be released some time in November or December. We discussed raising registration fees to cover the higher meal costs. Diane moved to table the discussion of raising conference fees until our September meeting. Becky seconded and the motion carried.

Membership: This discussion centered on changing membership dates to one common date. The membership year would be from December 1 – November 30 and Monica thought that we should publicize this change as a way to better accommodate the organization. Suzanne moved to change the membership year to December 1 – November 30 with a common renewal date as of December 1, 2008. Becky seconded and after a short discussion, the motion carried.

Diane moved to adjourn. Ulicia seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Cola