

EASTERN ILLINOIS BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Spring Meeting

March 4, 2009

Pre-Meeting Activities

The spring meeting of EIBEA was held at Lake Land College, Mattoon, Illinois, on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. The membership enjoyed a panel discussion "From Wall Street to Main Street and Every Street In Between" featuring:

- Jake Byrne, Wall Street Intern
- Brad Beasley, First Mid Illinois Wealth Management
- Jeanne Dau, Director of BSC

Next, the EIBEA scholarship for a community college student pursuing a degree in business education was awarded to Kirstie Harris.

Susan Hanfland, EIEFE System Director, and Linda Hefferin, IBEA President, addressed the membership with topics pertinent to business educators.

Business Meeting

President Karen Drage announced that EIBEA will be awarding CPDU's for attending the Spring meeting and provided instructions to the membership on appropriate paperwork to qualify for three CPDU hours.

At 7:05 pm President Drage called the meeting to order. Kathy Black stated that the fall minutes were placed at each table and asked the membership for any additions or corrections. Amie Mayhall made a motion to accept the fall minutes; Sheryl Bummer seconded; motion carried.

Sarah Brooks, treasurer, reported an opening balance of \$1,125.11, and a closing balance of \$1,415.66. Shasta Bennett moved to approve the treasurer's report. Marcy Satterwhite seconded the motion; motion carried.

School Reports

Charleston High School – Angie Niebrugge reported:

- Enrollment for next fall will be down at Charleston High School.
- On a positive note, the business classes this semester are full.
- CHS offers 19 different business classes.
- CHS will be sending students to the LLC business and computer contest.
- Coop students are having difficulty finding jobs.
- Only three students have enrolled in coop for next year.
- Consumer ed is the only required business class at CHS.

Cumberland High School – Ruth Finley reported:

- Enrollment at Cumberland High School is down as well.
- Cumberland went down from 2 ½ to 1 ½ business teachers.

EIU – Karen Drage read Dr. Chadd's report:

- EIU currently has 25 business education students.
- Pi Omega Pi members are working hard on competitive events & will be going to the convention held at NBEA.
- PBL is sending three students to state.

Heritage High School – Sue Fuller reported:

- Heritage High School is located in southeast Champaign County.
- Enrollment is up slightly.
- The accounting class is going to the accounting challenge at EIU on April 2.
- Keyboarding is required for freshmen.
- Computer Applications is required for sophomores.
- The Keyboarding class will be moved to 8th grade.

Oblong High School – Amy Tarr reported:

- Some security issues with a computer lab have been experienced, but they are working through this challenge.
- An FBLA student is working on a recycling program at Oblong High School, implementing white paper and soda bottles to expand the school's recycling program.

Olney Central College—Shasta Bennett reported:

- Enrollment is steady and non-traditional student enrollment is growing.
- Nine PBL members will attend state convention.
- OCC hosted its first annual business and computer contest last fall.

Robinson High School--Tanya Pfeiffer reported:

- Robinson started the fall with three new business teachers.
- RHS has plans to offer an accounting course next year
- Enrollment in business courses isn't good.
- Therefore, Tanya may be teaching Spanish in addition to business next year.
- RHS had ten students in Advanced Web Page Design this fall.
- Computer Applications is a required course for freshmen.

East Richland High School—Louis Gassmann reported:

- Enrollment is steady with just a slight decrease.
- Students do not have much time for business electives.
- Two computer classes are required which helps with the business enrollment.
- The Business Department offers 26 business classes with 3 business teachers.

Lake Land College—Kathy Black reported:

- The new West Building addition, which more than doubles the size of the building, is on target for completion for fall semester.
- Janet Henry will be retiring at the end of the summer semester and is being replaced with an Office Technology-Medical instructor.
- The strategic enrollment planning team is developing a plan to increase enrollment by 20% over 3 years.
- The campus is going green featuring: recycling program, geo-thermal system in the West Building, green technologies in revamping older buildings, an annual energy conference, and President Lensink traveled to Washington DC to meet with the Obama transition team to discuss LLC's green initiatives. To learn more, visit: www.lakelandcollege.edu/green.
- The annual business & computer contest will be held on April 24. It's not too late to register; deadline for registering is March 15.
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Newton Community High School—Lynette DuSablon reported:

- All three business teachers are new to Newton this fall.
- Keyboarding is being moved to 8th grade.

- Computer Concepts is required for freshman.
- Consumer education will be offered through coop.
- Graphic design has been turned into a one year course.
- Web Design 2 is offered now as an entire year course.
- FBLA is participating in a school-to-school exchange with 13 students going to state conference.

New Business & Announcements

IBEA Report – Sheryl Brummer, IBEA Representative, reported:

- Deadlines for awards are May 1; they used to be July 1. You can submit nominations online at ibebea.org.
- Sheryl Brummer asked if EIBEA can approve \$50 for the IBEA silent auction. Marcy Satterwhite moved that we give Sheryl \$50 for this cause, and Shasta Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The call for presenters form for the fall IBEA conference is available; email Marcy Satterwhite if you are interested in presenting.
- At the IBEA Executive council meeting, there was discussion pertaining to readjusting affiliate county distribution. This will be further discussed at the April IBEA council meeting, and it could be possible that EIBEA might lose Effingham County. Marcy Satterwhite explained, however, that business teachers may join any affiliate they wish to join.

Fall 2009 Meeting – Last fall's EIBEA meeting was held at the IBEA conference. President Drage suggested that EIBEA could find somewhere in Effingham to have a meeting and meal together. Marcy Satterwhite said affiliate meetings are scheduled for 4:00-5:00 pm, with an open time for going out after the meeting. She recommend that we have the affiliate meeting from 4:00-5:00 pm, and that we go out for dinner afterward. Shasta Bennett made a motion to hold the fall EIBEA meeting on Thursday, November 5, at 4:00 pm; Amie seconded the motion; motion carried.

EIBEA Dues – President Drage reported that all but one other IBEA affiliate collects \$5 dues. President Drage opened the floor for a discussion pertaining to leaving dues at \$5 or increasing them to help absorb expenses. Further, President Drage reported that Susan Hanflan, EIEFE System Director, can pay for secondary educators' registration for EIBEA meetings.

Marcy Satterwhite suggested paying dues twice a year, rather than once a year to try to increase the treasury. Janet Henry mentioned that there are several high school teachers who pay dues but do not attend, so they would have to pay dues twice a year. Shasta Bennett moved that we raise dues to \$8 to be paid once a year, with students paying no dues. Further discussion ensued, and Sheryl Brummer suggested that students be

charged \$2 for dues. Shasta Bennett amended the motion to charge \$8 dues for teachers once a year and \$2 for students and \$2 for retirees once a year. Sheryl Brummer seconded the motion; motion carried.

Election of New Officers – Shasta Bennett nominated Amie Mayhall for Vice President and President Drage asked the membership for any further nominations. Kathy Black made a motion to end the nominations for Vice President, and Marcy Satterwhite seconded the motion. Amie Mayhall was elected Vice President.

Amie Mayhall nominated Shasta Bennett to serve as secretary; no other nominations were made; Shasta Bennett was elected as secretary.

Teacher of the Year Award – The 2009 EIBEA Teacher of the Year Award was granted to Angela Niebrugge, who has taught at Charleston High School for 14 years.

At 7:51 pm, Janet Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Amie Mayhall seconded the motion; meeting was adjourned.