

# **EASTERN ILLINOIS BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

## **Fall Meeting**

**November 5, 2009**

### **Pre-Meeting Activities**

The fall meeting of EIBEA was held at the Keller Convention Center, Convention Center 4 in Effingham, Illinois, on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. The membership enjoyed a presentation from Josh Weger. Josh is the Regional Manager for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

### **Business Meeting**

At 4:05 pm President Drage called the meeting to order. Shasta Bennett stated that the spring minutes were available as handouts but were also emailed to each member prior to the meeting. President Drage asked for any additions or corrections. She made a motion to accept the fall minutes; Max Estes approved the minutes and Sheryl Brummer seconded; motion carried.

Sarah Brooks, treasurer, reported a present balance of \$1,007.88. Amie Mayhall made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Shasta Bennett seconded; motion carried.

### **School Reports**

**Clay City High School** – Gina Hutton reported:

Enrollment is down.

Aren't able to add or change anything due to the low numbers.

**EIU** – Julie Chadd reported:

EIU currently has around 30 business education students.

More applications are coming in of students with previous business degrees but having a difficult time finding job.

Several students are doing internships this year.

Pi Omega Pi members and Phi Beta Lambda very active.

Energy Renewal Center is being built.

**Oblong High School** – Amy Tarr reported:

The school added 5 more Mac's to their lab and are supposed to receive more soon.

Will have a total of 45 total portable Mac's in the school.

Enrollment is up slightly.

**Olney Central College** – Amie Mayhall reported:

Enrollment is up 18%. There are 82 students in the MOA program. Main cause of this is from dislocated workers, TAA, etc.

**Robinson High School**--Tanya Pfeiffer reported:

Enrollment numbers aren't too bad due to the freshmen requirement of a business course. They are not adding any more classes to the curriculum; did add accounting previously but flip-flopped several other computer classes.

They offer Twin Rivers grants with MOS Certification.

- o 25 passed Word test

- o 2 passed PowerPoint

Online training and tests were free with this grant.

**East Richland High School** – Ruth Raymond reported:

Enrollment is steady but strong.

**Lake Land College** – Kathy Black reported:

Fall semester enrollment up 16%. Dislocated workers numbers are the highest in the history of the college.

West Building had an addition added which tripled its size.

Janet Henry retired from Business Division; replaced with Kathy Daugherty.

Lisa Jobe is coordinating Office Technology; Kathy Daugherty doing Medical Office.

**Lincoln Trail College** – Linda Branch reported:

Enrollment is up.

Bea Abernathy is very busy due to the increase in enrollment.

Purchase of a building was approved, but state hasn't come up with any money yet.

**Newton Community High School** – Sheryl Brummer reported:

Stated there were no big changes.

Still have 3 Business teachers.

Co-op's numbers are up.

Computer Concepts is required so numbers are strong.

Web Design courses are popular and numbers up in it.

**New Business & Announcements**

**IBEA Report** – Sheryl Brummer, IBEA Representative, reported:

Thanked everyone for attending IBEA.

Stated \$25 was spent on silent auction basket.

Executive Council met this summer and worked on updating contact information of EIBEA members and any other changes in district people.

Stated she appreciates the responses in helping out making IBEA what it is.

**NBEA Report**— Karen Drage— NCBEA Representative, reported:

Membership is good.

North Central region has highest membership in 8 states and highest percentage of members.

Soon will be NCBEA President.

Asked everyone to attend next year's conference held in San Diego in end of March, early April, 2010.

### **Elections**

IBEA Representative— Sheryl Brummer currently serving

Two Officer Positions Open— President and Treasurer

Amie Mayhall nominated herself as President.

Shasta Bennett nominated herself as Vice-President.

Floor for Treasurer remains open.

**Spring 2010 Meeting**— President Drage discussed how she thought it would be a good idea if principals of area schools and business people could be brought in to show them how important business education is. She also mentioned how a nationwide study proved that perceptions of business education may not have much relevance. The key is to state how we need business education in schools.

Amie Mayhall mentioned about bringing someone in from Department of Security to also stress to them the importance of business education. The meeting presenter, Josh Weger, mentioned how his administration is wonderful and supportive of education and that we may possibly want to work more with the Chamber of Commerce on this issue. Ideas were brought up with one being to include something in Lake Land's spring meeting of principals.

Location of Spring Meeting was discussed with Lincoln Trail volunteering to host it. It will be held on March 3, 2010.

**Scholarships and Awards**— Amie Mayhall, Scholarship Committee, stated:

EIBEA Teacher of the Year award. Email nominations by February 15, 2010.

Nominate a deserving EIBEA student for a scholarship.

○ We are set up to give three \$200 scholarships each year to deserving students.

Nominations for these must also be received by February 15, 2010. The three potential scholarships are designed for:

1. One high school student interested in majoring in business education.

2. One community college student majoring in business education.

3. One EIU business education major.

Suggestions on cutting the scholarships were made. Suggestions included:

○ Lowering the amount.

○ Not give any scholarships this year.

○ Give only one scholarship.

○ Have people donate for the scholarships.

Linda Branch made a motion for one \$300 scholarship be open to one student in high school, community college, or EIU majoring in business education. Amy Tarr seconded the motion; motion carried.

● Karen Drage announced she is going to be a grandma any time now.

At 5:00 pm, Sheryl Brummer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Amie Mayhall seconded the motion; meeting was adjourned.