

EASTERN ILLINOIS BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Fall Meeting
October 4, 2006

The fall meeting of EIBEA was held at Richard's Farm, Casey, Illinois, on Wednesday, October 4, 2006. President Linda Branch welcomed the members at 5:30 p.m., and we all enjoyed a delicious meal.

Business Meeting

President Linda Branch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Linda asked members to review a list of email addresses and provide her with any individuals' missing email addresses. Vice-President Bea Abernathy called the roll of schools—44 members paid for the meal at the fall meeting.

Spring minutes were distributed, and Secretary Kathy Black asked for corrections or additions. Kathy also read several thank you notes from a scholarship recipient; the Coopers; the OCC PBL; and Janet Henry, last year's Teacher of the Year recipient. Shasta Bennett moved to approve the minutes. Amie Mayhall seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Janet Henry distributed the treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$1,825.32. Rob Boyars moved to approve the report. Sheryl Brummer seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

School Reports

Eastern Illinois University—Julie Chadd reported:

- There are currently 150 Career and Technical Education majors at EIU. Of that number, 37 are Business Education majors.
- The honorary organization Pi Omega Pi placed ninth in the nation at the National Business Education Association Conference last year.
- Five members of the Phi Beta Lambda student organization attended the state leadership conference, with several receiving awards.
- This semester features the first offering of two required cooperative education courses; this format—one course in the fall and one in the spring—is working well and will be continued.

Lake Land College—Kathy Black reported:

- Lake Land's fifth president, Dr. Bill Thallemer, began working at Lake Land at the end of July.
- There will be a substantial addition made to the existing Student Services Building and an extension called Phase 2 will be added to the West Building, with a ground-breaking ceremony to occur October 18.
- The Lake Land College Business Contest will be held on April 27.

Lincoln Trail College—Bea Abernathy reported:

- A new medical assistant certificate program has been developed, in addition to a new pharmacy technician certificate. A new horticulture program is slated to begin next fall.
- The Vocational Annex Building has recently been remodeled.
- LTC has an interim President, Beverly Turkle, who was formerly a principal, superintendent, and ISBE employee. She is filling in until the position is filled—projected for early spring.

Olney Central College— Amie Mayhall reported:

- OCC PBL is thankful to EIBEA for the donation; several PBL members attended the state conference, and many won awards.
- OCC continues to monitor business and industry training needs in the community, and as a result, has developed several online courses.
- The Business Division has recently developed a simulated office technology lab and appreciates the guidance provided by Janet Henry.

High School Reports

- Sheryl Brummer reported that Robinson High School has a new gym which is an excellent facility.
- Kay Staggs reported that Neoga High School is currently working without a contract, and that federal mediators will be coming next week. She is hoping for a settlement and end to this stressful time for the school.

New Business Announcements

IBEA—Marcy Satterwhite reported:

- IBEA dues have decreased and membership forms are available on the web site.
- The IBEA conference will be held on November 1-3 in Springfield; early-bird hotel rates expire October 10, and the registration deadline is approaching.
- Students are encouraged to attend the IBEA conference and to apply for five \$100 stipends; deadline is October 10.
- The IBEA listserv is an excellent way to get more information about IBEA. Email David Caulkins if any problems are experienced with the members-only site.
- Mark your calendars for the annual LLC computer contest next April 27.
- We will need to be thinking of a new IBEA representative for next year as Marcy will be becoming 2nd Vice-President of IBEA, and therefore, can no longer serve as an IBEA representative.

Policy for Registration and Dues from Students and Retirees—President Branch mentioned that the executive officers waived the fees and registration for students at our fall meeting (charging for the meal only), and would like input from the membership regarding the continuation of this action. The following discussion occurred:

- Amie Mayhall suggested increasing the amount of the dues to recoup some of the money lost from not charging students.
- Janet Henry said we spend around \$600-\$800 annually, with our primary expenses consisting of two scholarships, Teacher of the Year award, and the IBEA silent auction. Last year we received \$25 in the spring and approximately \$195 in dues this fall. Janet would not like to see an increase in dues.
- Cheryl Staley said that by adding approximately \$150 per year to and taking out \$800 per year from our treasury, our current balance would only last around three years.
- Janet recommended that retirees be treated the same as students with waiving dues and registration.

- Dale Best said that the treasury has gone up and down over the years, and that it can go down faster than we realize.
- Marcy Satterwhite liked the idea of free dues and registration for students and pointed out that the revised copy of the invitation was distributed to members.
- Linda Branch suggested that we not include retirees in the same category as students, by waiving their dues and registration. Dale Best agreed and stated he would like to see the fees and registration waived for students, but not for retirees.
- Kathy Black expressed concern about the treasury becoming depleted and asked if we would consider fund raiser to build it up; the general consensus was no.
- Cheryl Staley asked if students had to attend the meeting to get the free membership; all concurred yes to this question.
- Linda Branch concluded when our treasury drops to \$1,000, we will re-examine how to raise the treasury.

Rob Boyars made a motion to waive dues and registration for students only; Dale Best seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Policy for Donations to FBLA/PBL—President Branch said we need to examine a policy for how we give donations to FBLA and PBL chapters in the district. The following discussion ensued:

- Amie Mayhall suggested that we not do it if we are trying not to raise dues. She also suggested reducing the amount of the donations.
- Karen Drage, PBL advisor for EIU, said funding was cut for their PBL chapter, and they may be asking for a donation.
- Linda Branch has asked a committee, comprised of FLBA-PBL advisors, to meet electronically to talk about and arrive at a fair way to give donations to FBLA-PBL chapters.
- Cheryl Staley asked if the implication was to always give every time a request is made; President Branch said no.
- Marcy Satterwhite suggested an application procedure for awarding of funds.
- Susie Weir, whose chapter was a recipient of an FBLA award, expressed her genuine appreciation for the award.

The discussion was tabled until the Spring meeting at which time the committee will report its recommendation regarding a FBLA-PBL award policy.

Spring Meeting—Linda Branch said Diana Mahinda would like to speak at our spring meeting regarding the CRI curriculum revitalization initiative. Sheryl Brummer made a motion for the spring meeting to be held on March 21, 2007. Bea Abernathy seconded the motion; motion carried. Linda Branch will determine the place of the spring meeting at a later date.

Awards Chair—Amie Mayhall, the Awards Chair, distributed forms for the Teacher and Administrator of the Year Award and scholarships. These forms are also available on the web site. Please encourage students to apply for the scholarships.

With a motion from Janet Henry and a second from Mike Woods, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Program

We very much enjoyed an informative session with Dr. Julie Chadd from EIU. Her presentation focused on active learning strategies and included examples of how to incorporate active learning into your business curriculum.