

## **EASTERN ILLINOIS BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

The fall meeting of EIBEA was held at the Thelma Keller Convention Center, Effingham, Illinois, on Wednesday, October 3, 2007. President Linda Branch welcomed the members at 5:40 p.m., and we all enjoyed a delicious meal.

**IBEA Report**—Marcy Satterwhite reported:

- If you are not a member of IBEA, the dues structure works from July 1 through June 20 and is only \$5 for students (see handout for more information).
- The next IBEA conference is November 7-9, 2007, in Springfield. This will be the last year for holding the conference in Springfield. Early bird deadline for registration is October 10. Starting in 2008 the conference will be moving to the Keller Convention Center in Effingham.
- If you are not already a member, you may sign up for the IBEA listserv at the IBEA website.
- The Lake Land College Business & Computer Contest will be held on Friday, April 25, 2008.
- Several sessions at this year's IBEA conference still need chairs; please see handout if you are willing to serve as a chair.

### **Business Meeting**

President Linda Branch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Vice-President Bea Abernathy called the roll of schools—43 members and 1 special guest attended the fall meeting. President Branch asked members to thank Marcy Satterwhite for coordinating the meeting at the Keller Convention Center.

Spring minutes were distributed, and President Linda Branch asked for approval of the minutes. Amie Mayhall moved to accept the minutes, and Shasta Bennett seconded the motion; motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed, and President Branch asked for approval of the treasurer's report. Shasta Bennett moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Sheryl Brummer seconded the motion; motion carried. President Linda Branch reminded members to check the EIBEA website, which contains current copies of minutes and treasurer's reports.

## **School Reports**

### **Eastern Illinois University**—Julie Chadd reported:

- The Phi Beta Lambda Chapter currently has ten members. The chapter is working on its first social and community service projects.
- The Pi Omgea Pi chapter placed 9<sup>th</sup> in national competition last year.
- The number of business education students is still low this year. If you have a student in your classes that you feel would be a great business teacher, be sure to mention this to him/her. Students often don't think about teaching business as a career choice.
- EIU offers two scholarships each year to incoming freshmen. One scholarship is for Career and Technical Education majors and the other is for either a CTE major or an Industrial Technology major.
- As co-chair of the IBEA Awards Committee, Julie encourages us to consider nominating someone for an IBEA award. Information and the nomination form can be found at the IBEA website. It would be great to see more award recipients from the EIBEA region at this year's conference.

### **Lincoln Trail College**—Bea Abernathy reported:

- Enrollment is up, and in part, due to online course offerings, which remain very popular at LTC.
- LTC has a new medical assistant certificate and has enjoyed record enrollments in all health occupations fields.
- The north campus building, built in 1969, has been renovated and is booked solidly for program offerings in the medical field.
- LTC has a new horticulture program.

### **Lake Land College**—Kathy Black reported:

- Lake Land has undergone some changes in administration and is proud to report our current interim president is Scott Lensink, a former business teacher and chair, known to many EIBEA members.
- Janet Henry has developed a new online program, Medical Coding Specialist, which began this fall with 22 students.

- Janet Henry received the Outstanding Faculty Service Award this year at LLC, and when attending a recognition banquet in Springfield, noticed that Amie Mayhall won the comparable award at OCC.
- Scott Rhine has developed a new digital video production certificate and a computer gaming certificate, which are pending state approval.
- Employees are engaging in Pacific Institute training, which has proven to be very motivational.
- The addition to the Field House is nearing completion and should be open to students in Spring 2008.
- Jim Luedke, long-time member of EIBEA, will be retiring this spring.

**Olney Central College**—Shasta Bennett reported:

- Enrollment at OCC is up.
- PBL has 10 members, 5 of whom were actively involved in FBLA in high school. The chapter is looking forward to going to the state and national conventions.
- The medical office assistant program remains a popular program, and the curriculum in this program is constantly being updated.
- Likewise, the administrative program also remains popular and is doing well.

**High School Reports**

- Susie Weir reported next week is career and technical week, and is a good opportunity to try to recruit membership for FBLA.
- Susie Weir reported that her FBLA chapter recently received a generous \$5,000 donation to assist with its Christmas dinner that it hosts each year.

## **New Business & Announcements**

### **Election of Officers**

Linda Branch has asked for volunteers to serve as EIBEA President and Treasurer, to be elected at the Spring 2008 meeting.

Because of Marcy Satterwhite's move to 2nd VP of IBEA, Sheryl Brummer, from Robinson High School, will be assuming the IBEA representative position at the end of November, serving a three-year term.

### **Spring Meeting**

Linda Branch set the date for spring meeting: March 5, 2008. EIU students volunteered to host the spring meeting.

### **Scholarship & Awards Committee**

Amie Mayhall reported on behalf of the scholarship committee, encouraging members to nominate students for the scholarship awards and to nominate a teacher for the EIBEA teacher of the year award. The forms for these awards will be updated and available on the EIBEA website. Deadlines for applications are February 1, 2008.

Shasta Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Amie Mayhall seconded the motion; meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

### **Program**

Linda Branch and Bea Abernathy gave an informative presentation entitled "What in Heaven is in 2007" showcasing the new features of Microsoft Office 2007.