

EASTERN ILLINOIS BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of EIBEA was held at Richard's Farm, Casey, Illinois, on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. 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. Vice-President Bea Abernathy called the roll of schools—18 members and 4 guests attended the spring meeting. Bea Abernathy wished Dale Best the best in his retirement. Amie Mayhall introduced the scholarship winners: Michelle Willenborg and Daniel Drewes and Daniel's mother, Mary Drewes.

Fall minutes were distributed, and President Linda Branch asked for approval of the minutes. Amie Mayhall moved to accept the minutes, and Sheryl Brummer seconded the motion; motion carried. Shasta Bennett moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Amie Mayhall 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—Cindy Phipps reported (on behalf of Julie Chadd):

- The Phi Beta Lambda Chapter currently has fifteen members; six will be attending and competing at the State Leadership Conference. The members are also participating in EIU's Relay for Life. The chapter is interested in having other FBLA and PBL members join them in the relay. If your chapter is interested, please contact Karen Drage at ksdrage@eiu.edu or call 581-6935.
- The Pi Omega Pi chapter has two members attending the NBEA conference next month. The chapter's projects from last year will be judged at the Pi Omega Pi Conference that is held in conjunction with NBEA.
- The number of business education students is 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. The deadline is always toward the end of February and the scholarships are awarded in the fall. One scholarship is for Career and Technical Education majors and the other is for either a CTE major or an Industrial

Technology major. This year one of these scholarships will be awarded to a future business teacher.

- 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:

- LTC has a new interim President, Bev Turkle, and the college is very much enjoying her management style.
- Enrollment is up 8% this semester.
- Online courses remain very popular at LTC.

Lake Land College—Kathy Black reported:

- Janet Henry has developed a new program in the business division: Medical Coding Specialist, which is an online program to begin this fall.
- Scott Rhine has developed a new digital video production courses which will be offered this summer, and he is working on a new computer gaming certificate.
- Enrollment this semester was up slightly, by less than 1%.
- Employees are engaging in Pacific Institute training, which has proven to be very motivational.

Olney Central College—Shasta Bennett reported:

- OCC has started a simulated office after gaining ideas from visiting Janet Henry's simulated office lab. They teach a medical procedures class and an automated office procedures class in this lab, and it has been really successful.
- Enrollment is up slightly. The campus nursing program is growing rapidly.
- They offer transcription classes online and in a face-to-face format and went digital with transcription.
- The PBL chapter has been active. PBL is limiting its fundraising to two activities per year: a Yankee candle and a Longaberger basket fundraiser.

The PBL chapter took a club trip with 14 students to visit the Longaberger Company in Ohio. Six PBL members are going to the state leadership conference in Effingham on April 13.

High School Reports

- Susie Weir reported that her students are busy getting ready for state FBLA competition on Friday. She took her FBLA students to Warren Township High School—a large school of 4,000 with two campuses, and it was an awesome experience.
- Susie Weir reported that the National Career Development Association is sponsoring a poetry contest. Any student from kindergarten through adult can compete, and this year's theme is: Many Careers Many Cultures One World. Poetry candidates can write poems, and she asked her desktop publishing students to enter; two won at the regional level and were submitted to state, and one will be sent to the national competition.

New Business & Announcements

IBEA Report—Marcy Satterwhite reported:

- She has been elected to be the 2nd Vice-President of IBEA, and we need a new rep from EIBEA to serve on the IBEA board.
- If you are not a member of IBEA, the dues structure works from July 1 through June 20 and is only \$5 for students.
- 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 deadlines are in October. Starting in 2008 the conference will be moving to the Keller Convention Center in Effingham. IBEA looked at several locations and some were either too big or too small, and the Convention Center proved to be the most favorable. The Tourism Bureau in Effingham is giving IBEA free buses to go on tours of local businesses.
- If you are not already a member, you may sign up for the IBEA listserv at the IBEA website.
- The website has a membership only section. If you don't know your log in, contact the webmaster.
- The Lake Land College Business & Computer Contest is being held on April 27; 19 schools have registered thus far.

Donations Committee

Amie Mayhall reported on the findings of the donations committee. After lengthy discussion, this committee has reached three suggestions for the EIBEA membership regarding donations:

1. As EIBEA members, we should strive to build goodwill, show support, and acknowledge the accomplishments of potential business educators;
2. We believe that as EIBEA members, we are not obligated to donate to student organization activities, but if funds are available, and the committee believes that the cause meets the set criteria, then funds will be donated;
3. In the event that funds are unavailable to donate, we will encourage the members to support fundraisers, possibly having a 50/50 drawing or donation opportunities for members to donate to organizations.

The donations committee consists of Amie Mayhall, Cindy Phipps, and Cheryl Staley. Amie stated that the committee is lacking representation from the high schools and would like to have a high school member; Kay Endsley, from Neoga High School, volunteered to serve on the committee.

The committee also developed and distributed the Student Organization Donation Request Form, and requested that it be filled out three weeks prior to an EIBEA meeting. Linda Branch asked for a motion to accept the form. Janet Henry made a motion to adopt the donations form and put it online; Sheryl Brummer seconded the motion, and suggested a reminder email before the form is due. Motion carried.

Scholarship Committee

Amie Mayhall reported on behalf of the scholarship committee. Michelle Willenborg won the community college scholarship, and Daniel Drewes won the high school award. Both nomination essays and reference letters were outstanding.

EIBEA Teacher of the Year

Amie Mayhall announced the winner of the EIBEA teacher of the year award: Bea Abernathy, and read the nomination letter, commending Bea for her years of devotion and service to business education.

Election of Officers

Linda Branch has asked for volunteers to be on a nominating committee and will accept volunteers for the fall meeting. The nominations committee will explore the election process which will occur in Spring 2008.

Because of Marcy Satterwhite's move to 2nd VP of IBEA, we need a new EIBEA representative. Linda Branch nominated Sheryl Brummer, from Robinson High School, and she accepted the nomination. Sheryl served as an EIBEA representative a few years ago when she was an EIU student. Amie Mayhall seconded the nomination; the membership unanimously voted for Sheryl to assume this position.

Fall Meeting

Linda Branch set the date for fall meeting: October 3, 2007. Linda asked the membership to think about a location for next spring's meeting. A motion was made by Bea Abernathy to accept the date of October 3, 2007, for the fall meeting, and to personally extend an invitation to Kathy Black's husband, since October 3 is his birthday. Amie Mayhall seconded the motion; motion carried.

Amie Mayhall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Kay Endsley seconded the motion; meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Program

Diana Mahinda, of the Illinois Office of Educational Services, gave an informative presentation regarding the Curriculum Revitalization Initiative.

