

Minutes: Arkansas ASCD Annual Business Meeting

Arlington Hotel
June 25, 2007

Twenty-seven members were present at 3:20 p.m. when Dr. Marsha Jones, President, called the meeting to order. Minutes from the June 19, 2006, business meeting were presented by Secretary Paula Rawls. Jeanie Gorham made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Arthur Tucker seconded the motion which passed.

Dr. D'Anne Barrow presented the Treasurer's report. She provided a handout to the membership. Dr. Barrow reported a beginning balance of \$172,075.39 on October 1, 2006. The ending balance as of 6/24/07 was \$234,713.19 with total assets of \$287,860.46. The conference expenses are still to be paid. She also reported that the organization had received a clear audit. Dr. Randy Willison made the motion to accept the report. Peggy Walter seconded the motion. There was discussion and the motion passed.

Dr. Gunter provided the membership a handout of the 2007 Annual Director's Report. She reported that the Board of Directors had been very active during the year. The Board became more active in legislation, both state and nationally. AASCD affiliate sponsored an Advocacy Conference in Cabot. The AASCD Legislative Committee was present during the legislative session. Dr. Gunter is a member of the ASCD National Legislative Committee. Our AAASCD membership has grown to 936. Because of the growth, AASCD will have an office at the Lakehouse at Lake Point, which is now owned by Arkansas Tech University. Arkansas ASCD was active in the Regional Shareholders' meetings, "A Call to Action: P-18 Curriculum Alignment."

Dr. Jones reported that the goal for AASCD was to move from successful to significant (leave a legacy). The presence and visibility of AASCD at the legislative session was a move toward significance. The affiliate will continue to strive for the Excellence Affiliate Award under Robert Davis' leadership. Arkansas has a high percentage of members signed up on the Educators Advocacy site from ASCD. We have connected as an association with the redesign of high schools.

There was no old business. Under new business, Jim Dalton stated that 10-20 years ago there was talk about moving toward a full time executive director. Dr. Gunter responded that all affiliates but Texas have part-time directors. Most affiliates still operate under the old model of money, membership and conferences. What are we doing to prepare for the future? It was suggested that more of the conference agenda be shared on the website in advance of the conference. There was a discussion of bringing in younger members.

Randy Willison made a motion to adjourn. Robert Davis seconded the motion which passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Rawls, Secretary