

Louisiana Association of Business Educators

General Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 6, 2009

Pineville, LA

Call to Order – President – Marilyn Gastineau called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Invocation – Chaplain – Barbara O’Neal led us in an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes – Secretary – June Thompson. Linda Hughes made a motion to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Brenda Barnhart. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer –Susan Fontenot. As of March 6, 2009, we have a balance of \$14,323.95. Marilyn moved to accept the report as presented and it was seconded by June. The vote was unanimous.

Officers Reports:

President – Marilyn Gastineau – Marilyn recognized the board members, vendors and speakers and thanked the conference attendees for coming. She reminded members of the Summer Institute and the meeting for LABE that will be held at the conference. She encouraged all members to become LACTE members also.

President Elect – Laura Spencer – Laura reviewed highlights of last spring’s conference through attendees evaluations. Conference ratings were 4 & 5’s (excellent) and so were the areas of location, registration ease, and facility. More vendors and hands-on sessions were requested. Conference information was sent in by Melanie Meche to be included in the SBEA Reporter.

Vice President – Joseph Lane – Joseph brought greetings to everyone from the Delta Community College Campus.

NBEA/SBEA Rep – Melanie Meche – Melanie stated we have 72 members in Louisiana. All NBEA members participated in a drawing held for door prizes. Betty Kleen and Becky Draughn were the winners. She encouraged members to join and receive benefits such as the Forum and Keying In.

Bulletin Board Editor – Elaine Garland – absent

Journal of Business – Betty Kleen – Betty recognized Melanie Meche as the Production Editor of the journal. She said she works directly with the authors and that anyone could submit an article. Betty also stated she receives manuscripts from across the country. The past 4 years of the Journal will be posted on the laabe.org website.

Committee Reports:

Auditing – Mona Bickham – Mona stated auditing will be done this summer.

Awards – Becky Draughn – Becky announced the following award winners: Secondary Business Teacher of the Year—Melinda Thigpen, Sam Houston High School; Post-Secondary Business Teacher of the Year—Barbara O’Neal, LTC-Alexandria; Service Award—Perry Kirk, Cengage Publishing.

By-laws – Maxia Hutchinson –No report.

Finance – Susan Fontenot –Reported submitted and accepted.

Legislative – Dr. Brenda Hanson – Brenda stated that the President mentioned CTE and Perkins Funding so support is hopeful.

Membership – Melanie Meche – Melanie stated we have 123 members and encourage more to join.

Memorial/Chaplain – Barbara o’Neal – Ann Matthews, 32 years of service, retired and Doris Bankston Sweatt, deceased, who was LABE President in 1970. Her husband will be sent a framed resolution.

Nominating – Marilyn – Nominations will be open until May 31st. Names will be posted in June and voting will take place til the summer conference at the end of July.

Public Relations – Elaine Garland – absent

Strategic Planning – No chairman – no report

Resolutions – No chairman – no report

Reporter/Historian/Web – Tina Allen – Tina is updating the website, making it easier to read and asked that we send information to be posted on the website to her.

Old Business – Evelyn Blanson was introduced to the members. She was named the new Supervisor of Business Education and took Mona’s place in February.

New Business – Check dates of upcoming conferences:

NBEA – April 8-11, 2009—Chicago, IL
ACTE Region IV – April 15-18, 2009—Hot Springs, AR
LACTE – July 26-31, 2009—Lafayette, LA
SBEA – October 21-24, 2009—Huntsville, AL
ACTE – November 19-21, 2009—Nashville, TN

Benediction – Closing prayer was led by Barbara.

Adjournment – Moved to adjourn by June Thompson and seconded by Susan Fontenot. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Lafayette, LA

Call to Order – President – Marilyn Gastineau called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Invocation – Barbara O’Neal Absent – Mona Bickham gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes – Secretary – Although June Thompson had to leave the meeting early she had brought the minutes which were passed out. Susan Fontenot moved that the minutes be approved as written. Mona Bickham seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer – Susan Fontenot. As of July 29, 2009, we have a balance of \$9,711.61. The report was accepted and filed.

Officers Reports:

President – Marilyn Gastineau – Marilyn recognized 90 year old Dr. Doris Bentley for years of dedicated service to Business Education with a plaque. She discussed voting on new officers late, due to communication problems with the members. Nomination forms will be mailed and voting will take place on the web, probably about 3 week time frame.

President-Elect – Laura Spencer- Discussed Spring Conference evaluations were mostly positive. She said members wanted more hands on activities from the speakers for next year’s conference. The Pineville locations received a positive response. The location and on-site hands on sessions prevent problems. A survey will be placed on survey monkey to get more information from members before finalizing our next spring conference.

Vice-President – Joseph Lane, Jr. – Absent - No Report –

NBEA/SBEA Rep – Melanie Meche – Discussed that we need more NBEA members as we are still the lowest in the nation, membership-wise. Also, asked for someone to volunteer to be the NBEA/SBEA representative as her term is up.

Bulletin Board – Elaine Garland – Absent - No Report –

Journal of Business – Betty Keen – Absent - No Report –

Committee Reports:

Awards – Becky Draughn – Announced the 2009 scholarship winner, Beau Bourgois from Berwick High School. Susan Fontenot stated the check has been sent to Tulane where Beau will be attending in the Fall.

Auditing – Mona Bickham – No Report

Finance – Susan Fontenot – Given as Treasurer’s report earlier.

Legislative – Brenda Hanson – Absent. Marilyn Gastineau reported information received from the LACTE business meeting that the state has designated \$1 million in the budget for Career and Technical education. Also, Perkins funding is continuing partially because of the push from the national ACTE organization.

Membership – Melanie Meche – There are currently 112 Members

Memorial/Chaplain – Absent – Susan named three educators who had passed.

Nominating – Marilyn Gastineau –Requested nominations and reminded everyone that nominees must be LABE members. A mail out will be sent the first week of August and will include membership forms so that non members may be nominated if they become members at the time of their nomination. Voting will be done through Survey Monkey after August 21, 2009.

Public Relations – Tina Allen – Absent – No Report

Resolutions – Gina Theall – Absent – No Report

Old/Unfinished Business – Officer nominations, voting and the Spring conference report were all make earlier. Marilyn thanked everyone for their attendance and for being a member. Discussed that we need ideas for next year’s conference, possibly make it a 2-day conference so there is more time for hands on workshops. We need to increase our membership, encourage business educators to join.

New Business – Marilyn has set up a Facebook group page – LABE – to try to improve communications with members. Members are invited to join the group page. The benefit of the page is that it provides a good communication and networking tool. We also need all member’s personal e-mail addresses as they do not always receive emails sent to their school addresses during the summer or holidays. Surveys will be posted on Survey Monkey to further evaluate all these items. Marilyn installed Laura Spencer as President as the move to the position is automatic. Joe Lane’s position will also automatically move to the President Elect position. Laura stated her goals for the coming year to help continue to move the organization forward with more members. Laura then took over the meeting.

Adjournment – Laura Spencer moved that we adjourn the meeting. Becky Draughn seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Organization Websites:

Business Educator Organizations

LABE (state level) – www.laabe.org

SBEA (region level) – www.sbea.us

NBEA (national level) – www.nbea.org

Career and Technical Educators Organizations

LACTE (state level) – www.lacte.org

ACTE Region IV – part of www.acteonline.org

ACTE (national level) – www.acteonline.org

Upcoming Conference Dates for these organizations:

2009-2010 School Year

Organization	Conference Dates	Locations
SBEA	October 21-24, 2009	Huntsville, AL
ACTE	November 19-21, 2009	Nashville, TN
LABE	Spring 2010 ?? March	?? Alexandria, LA
NBEA	March 31- April 3, 2010	San Diego, CA
ACTE – Region IV	April 8-10, 2010	San Antonio, TX
LA ACTE	Now	Lafayette, LA

2010-2011 School Year

Organization	Conference Dates	Locations
SBEA	October 2010	
ACTE	December 2-4, 2010	Las Vegas, NV
LABE	Spring 2011 ?? March	?? Alexandria, LA
NBEA	April 20-23, 2011	New Orleans, LA
ACTE – Region IV		
LA ACTE		

2011-2012 School Year

Organization	Conference Dates	Locations
SBEA	October 2011	
ACTE	November 17-19, 2011	St. Louis, MO
LABE	Spring 2012 ?? March	?? Alexandria, LA
NBEA	April 4-7, 2012	Boston, MA
ACTE – Region IV		
LA ACTE		

**Louisiana Association of Business Educators
Treasurer's Report
March 6, 2009 to August 29, 2009**

Spring Conference 2009 Beginning Balance		\$14,323.99
Deposits:		
3/10/09 – 4/9/09		2,147.00
Expenses:		
Bank Charges: Excess transaction fees	11.40	
Conference Costs 3/5/09 & 3/6/09	4104.28	
Certiport Testing '09	1750.00	
Speaker Mileage Payment	238.70	
2009 Scholarship—Tulane	500.00	
Conference Supplies '09	<u>45.00</u>	
Total Expenses		(6,649.38)
Other Payments:		
Reimbursements of overpayment by participants		(110.00)
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 9,711.61</u>