

AEOE Northern Section Board Meeting

Spring Conference - April 26-28, 1996 Palomar Outdoor School

Call to order by Bill Hunt 4:30 pm April 27

Board members present: Chair - Bill Hunt, Treasurer - Mark McReynolds, State Coordinating Secretary - Donald Beaver, Membership - Dan Allison, Secretary - Pamela Otten Craig (Chair elect - Dean Thompson was unable to attend the conference due to prior obligations.)

Board members not present: Chair elect - Dean Thompson, Elections - Celeste Kleinfelder and Lisa Curnett

Visitors: Stephen "Hoppy" Hopkins (incoming chair elect) Stu Branoff, David Craig

Review of minutes: Change the "Duties of the Chairman" write up to say northern rather than southern. Minutes accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mark presented a graph which visually displayed AEOE balance throughout his term in office. The current balance is \$6,913.30. This balance should go up with Spring Conference membership dues. A suggest proposed budget to 1996-97 was submitted by Mark which is \$743.75. It was approved by the board to discontinue Taproot which no longer meets our needs. Bill wrote a not to the bank that he is no longer chair of AEOE and the Dean Thompson is. This note was presented to Mark McReynolds during the meeting. Mark will send this letter on to the bank which will then have Dean sign a new signature card.

Membership Report: Dan Allison reported 162 current members. 310 on mailing list. Dan will finish membership through this spring conference and then will turn the membership over to a new board member.

Fall Conference 1996: Dean sent to the board, via Pamela, a possible date, three possible sites, a possible schedule and theme.

THEME The Board first discussed the theme of Who, What, When, Where, and Why? to find out what people want from AEOE. There was a concern that this would create long discussions with no results. It was suggested that a non-partisan person facilitate the discussion. This theme should be discussed in the newsletter so people come to the meeting with ideas and concerns to share. Stu suggested that we include the possibility for people to write in ideas if they will not be at the conference. Members of the board suggested that there be a more catchy title. (e.g. The direction of AEOE.)

SITE Board members are happy with all three sites but the first choice voted on is Mission Springs. (Note that Mark did not take part in this voting process.)

DATE The date was approved by the Board for October 11-13 (but has been changed to October 4-6 because Mission Springs was not available on the chosen date).

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE CONFERENCE? Duty descriptions of Chair and Chair elect were reviewed and it was discussed with David and Don Southern's history of putting on conferences. The Board voted to have the Chair and Chair elect work on conferences together so that Chairs will always have experience organizing a conference and can pass this knowledge on to the Chair elect. Pamela will add thihs to the duty descriptions.

FEE FOR CONFERENCE Dan Allison suggested that there be a "first year intern fee."

Spring Conference:

SITE Dean, via Pamela, suggested two sites. The Board voted to have the conference at SCICON, on of Dean's suggestion. Reason for this decsion included its central locaiton, a different area from the Fall conference and the abundance of camping.

DATE Dates to stay away from are Earth Day and Easter/Spring break. Dave suggested that the dates be earlier in the year so staff can use new ideas back at their sites which may encourage administrators to pay registation fees. The Board voted to have the conference April 11-13. Dean will need to confirm this date or new date with Board members.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Dave highly recommends that the Chairs continute the pre-registration for the Spring Conferences.

NAAEE: North American Association for Environmental Education conference is November 1-5, 1996. Dean, via Pamela, hoped we can organize some sort of presence there. Both he and George Stratman will be attending the conference. Mark stated that he has left messages for people involved in planning the conference about AEOE having a booth but no one has retuerned his calls. Hoppy stated that he will look into having a booth at the conference and talk to George about getting southern involved.

When Do New Officers Take Over?: It was decided and voted on by the board to have the old board members run the business meeting on Saturday and the new board run the general meeting on Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned for dinner at 5:30.

Continuation of business meeting 6:30.

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Visitors: Stephen (Hoppy) Hopkins (incoming Chair elect), Stu Branoff, David Craig, Larisa Pierson, Cindy Spiva, Jymn Meier and Randy Widera.

Merger of Southern and Northern: Dan Allison suggested that the board consider merging southern and northern so that there is one newsletter (reflecting the difficulties we had with northern newsletter this year) and so that membership is combined making pre-registration easier. Since Bill and George are leaving office it was suggested that the new state committee review this possibility.

Elections: The board decided to try the mail in elections again as a trial year, with the addition of proper newsletter, then formulated the process into the articles or make bylaws.

State Secretary: Donald Beaver reported that he will discontinue the Taproot newsletter because there are less issues, it costs more money and we don't use it. Donald will retire as State Coordinating Secretary after the 96/97 school year. Next spring conference a new State Coordinating Secretary will need to be appointed.

New Business: Hoppy led the board and visitors in a round of applause for Dan Allison for his AEOE time of 4 years as newsletter editor and 3 years as membership. Thank you Dan!

Bill will introduce new board and the open positions at a meal during this spring conference. Dan moved at 7:00pm that we adjourn the meeting until Sunday at 11:00 for a general meeting, all approved.

General Meeting Sunday April 28

Call to order by Stephen (Hoppy) Hopkins, 11:00am April 28, 1996.

Board members present: Chair elect - Stephen (Hoppy) Hopkins (Sly Park), Treasurer - Mark McReynolds (Mission Springs), Secretary - Pamela Otten Craig (Foothill Horizons).

Ruth brought up an interest in having Group Insurance through AEOE.

Discussion of future conferences:

Ruth brought up concern about the number of presenters and presentations at AEOE conferences. Participants state there are not enough presentations and we should reconsider double sessions. Dave Craig noted that presenters do not get paid for presenting and want to go to sessions also. These conferences exist largely because of volunteer presenters who commit a lot of free time to this organization; participants do not realize this.

Preregistration: Dave Craig and many present at the meeting would like to see pre-registration be continued.

Dave Craig suggested that the oral tradition of putting on conferences be written down. Much of the preregistration materials are now on computer and were passed on to George for this conference. George can pass these on to Dean. David Craig also has a copy. Dave recommends that a committee be established to put these oral instructions into some kind of manual. Charlie recommended that the end of the Spring Conference is the new chair and chair elect meet with past chair to pass on conference information.

Libby and Larisa from MOSS are interested in presenting at the next spring conference.

Hoppy made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark seconded. Meeting ended 11:45 am. Suggested agenda items for the next board meeting: board member reports, nomination committee, BAEER Fair, Spring Conference, NAAEE, State Secretary position, writing up directions for organizing a spring conference.

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