

ArATE Business Meeting
4/17/09

ArATE President Vera Lang Brown called the meeting to order and announced that this would be her last meeting to call to order as President of ArATE.

Vera presented the agenda.

ArATE Past President - Kandis Croom made a motion to accept the agenda.

ArATE Board Member – Chaney Floyd 2nd.

Unanimous.

ArATE Executive Secretary – Tim Carter presented the previous business minutes.

Chaney moved to accept the minutes.

ArATE Board Member – Mary Jane Bradley 2nd.

Unanimous.

Due to the resignation of one Board member and the recent appointment of the Vice-President, a nomination was taken for the next Vice President.

Chaney moved to nominate Mary Jane Bradley.

Kandis 2nd.

Unanimous. (Mary Jane Bradley will be placed on the ballot.) (Further nominations for one vacated ArATE Board position and for Vice-President will be forthcoming. The election will follow this.)

Tim presented the previous Board minutes.

Mary Jane moved to accept them.

Chaney 2nd.

Unanimous.

The Board gave a special “thank you” to Tim Carter for his work as the Executive Secretary.

Vera shared about the 2009 National ATE conference in Dallas. She noted that it was a good experience, and Arkansas was very well-represented. The Arkansas Unit received recognition from the National ATE organization.

Vera thanked ArATE for electing her President and shared about how successful the fall ArATE conference was. She noted it was well-attended. She also noted that the Code of Ethics panel on Thursday evening was excellent and well-attended.

The Board thanked Vera Lang Brown for her service to the organization as President.

Tim presented the current ArATE budget.

Mary Jane moved to accept the budget report.

Chaney 2nd.

Unanimous.

A question concerning the role of the Vice-President was asked. It was noted that the Vice-President is typically in charge of publicity and membership in the first part of his or her term and is in charge of the conference planning in the second part of the term. Chaney Floyd noted his willingness to serve on the publicity and membership committee to assist the new Vice-President.

Tim presented the Financial Audit report.

Kandis Croom and Phillip Russell had reviewed the financial status and budget of the organization during the audit. They strongly suggested that the spending used to send ArATE Board members to the national conference be lowered (In the last 3 years, the designated amount has been \$3000 divided by two individuals.). They recommended to the Board a spending limit of \$1000 per year. They also noted that the current budget seemed to be at its lowest point in several years due to increased spending for *national* conference attendance without an increase in *state* conference earnings (the means of income of ArATE). This issue was discussed among the participants.

Chaney made a motion for ArATE to send 1 person and designate \$1000 of ArATE funds each year to send this person to the National ATE conference.

Mary Jane 2nd.

Unanimous.

Kandis moved to adjourn.

Mary Jane 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05.

These Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Carter, Executive Secretary of ArATE