

WVASA  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2017

President Deb Akers called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Shawn moved, seconded by Mike to accept minutes. Motion carried.

Blaine moved, Joe seconded approval of Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President Akers thanked Rick Hicks for stepping in and taking over the legislative duties for us this year. She also mentioned that Mr. Hicks will be leaving West Virginia.

We discussed our direction now that the Personnel Day will no longer be a part of ASBO. We discussed expanding our personnel day at our summer conference.

President Akers also asked us to start thinking today about our legislative priorities for next year and to begin having those conversations.

Facilities: Terry George – suggested that any needs projects be working early with our representative at the SBA.

Curriculum & Instruction: Shawn Dilly –working on Policy 2510 and ESSA and we have a good working relationship with the DOE and the BOE

Legislative: Rick Hicks – reported that out of 100 education bills, 23 made it to the governor and 4 were vetoed. The new requirement of legislation is that we provide instruction on the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Legislative proposals this year included areas regarding public education that were targeted to reduce funding to public education. We represent public education. We need to be sure that we are present with our legislators. Our legislators were responsive to our voice during this year's session. It is important that we have our plans and our legislative agenda organized and that we begin early to have discussions with our local legislators. Next week is a special session to deal with the budget. Senator Mann has provided leadership in support of public education.

Instructional Leadership: Manny Arvon – indicated that he was encouraged by the willingness to listen by our two state board members who attended our Executive Committee meeting last night.

WVSSAC: Eddie Campbell – minutes and financials emailed

Policy Review: see executive committee minutes, Supreme Court case – special ed student who entered private school asked for tuition to be paid by public schools – supreme court overturned lower court and ordered public school to pay the tuition. Deb added that there is a lot of push back from teacher organizations for 2419

Scholarships: David Dilly – no applications submitted at this time. Deadline will be extended until May 15.

RESA report: Robin Lewis – 2711 signed with a year to transition to COOP. Nick Zervos spoke on the importance of sharing services between counties and to continue to work for what's best for children. Kelly Watts spoke on the Benedum grants that she wrote for all eight RESAs; specifically Brightbytes and Reasoning Minds. Benedum will continue to fund grants but they are on hold until they see how the RESA transition will proceed. Joe Oliverio urged us to take the next year to make this collaborative work. Joe reported that in his national association, several of those member states operate currently as cooperatives. President Akers spoke to HB 2711. She encourages us to take advantage of the opportunity that this bill affords us. We have often been challenged to get done what we wanted to do with RESAs because of state interference. Now is the time that we can make our cooperatives what we want them to be.

Conference/Annual Meeting: Gary Price – Most speakers are lined up and Gary appreciated the input from members for the conference. Gary echoed President Akers sentiments about where we are today and how we have survived in the past and will continue to survive.

Executive Director's Report: AJ Rogers – thanked Rick for his work and Gary for his work

toward the conference. Registration for summer conference was sent out. AJ explained that our winter and summer conferences are what keeps our association going financially. Golf outing is June 20 and expect 50 people to participate.

WVDE: Cindy Daniel – just sent to AJ an updated legislative summary. Two RFP being prepared for Grades 3-8 and high school for the new assessment. Cindy then asked Michelle to speak about ESSA. ESSA basically just identifies standards, assessment, and accountability. New and Aspiring Supt.: Susan Collins – have now completed three years and Susan thanked those who have presented and everyone who has attended. We will begin again in September 2017.

Nomination Committee Appointments: John Hudson, Mike Wells, Kathy Kidder Wilkerson  
Motion by David Dilly, second by Scott Cochran

Supt. Of the Year: Dave Banks, Blaine Hess, Doug Lambert  
Motion by MJ, second by Mike Wells, motion approved

ESSA Plan: has met and seen positive movement. Group represents a broad spectrum of the education community. Steve Wotring added that everyone left there feeling some collaboration. Shawn Dilly suggested that we need to look at additional flexibility in staffing. Last night we talked about bus driver training. AJ also mentioned teacher recruitment. Mary Jane asked that we get some flexibility with TIS. Deb also mentioned that AASA now has a cooperative purchasing program.

Nutrition: Robin reported about the meeting and Gary reported on the meeting in the afternoon on 15 schools with the largest African American populations.

Blaine moved, seconded by Joe for adjournment.