



**WVAEA, Inc., Board of Directors**

**Tue., February 15, 2022, 2:00 PM (TEAMS)**

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## A G E N D A

**Attending:** Deanna Addis, Erica Asbury, Amanda Cooper, Misty Dawson, Kari Geary, Julie Hagan, Kim McConaughy, Anne Mezzanotte, Wendy Mick, Ann Mueller, Beth Rehberger, Tammy Toney

**Call to Order:** Julie called us to order.

**Approval of Minutes (December 15, 2020):** Misty motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, Tammy seconded.

**Announcement of Outgoing Members/Incoming Members:** Kim thanked Carla Mullins and Lori Kuffner, outgoing board members, and a special thank you to Anne Mueller for completing an unfinished term. She also welcomed incoming members Deanna Addis, Erica Asbury, Anne Mueller, and Wendy Mick (the chair of board development committee)

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne Mezzanotte reports that our checking account has \$89,900.69. There are 3 CDs (2 mature this month) and the total for all three is \$17,225.05.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Membership** Kari indicated that there are 197 WVAEA Members because of last year's conference. All members submitted for COABE membership.
- **Conference 2022:** Kari explained that this is the second year of our three-year contract with the Marriott in Charleston. 9/13-16, Tues afternoon through Fri morning. The conference committee meets every month or two and is in the process of setting the lineup for 2022 conference.
- **Awards:** (Tina White could not attend – Kari read info from her): Nominations are open from the end of each conference through June 1. The awards committee meets soon and another reminder to end in nominations will go out. Awards that were developed last year will continue this year.
- **Legislative:** 2020 was the last time we participated in the Day at the Legislature. Kim was able to get us table space with career and tech. ed. at the legislature on Friday, March 11, 2022 Emails went to Senate and House education and work force development committee summarizing what adult ed. is about, the fact that programs are free, and other information. They also received student success stories from their respective districts.

### **Old Business:**

- **Status of WVAEA Grant Requests:** Anne and Wendy sent out nine grant requests last week. 19 have been sent this year: 6 special event grants, 10 program supplement grants, 2 student support grants, and 1 professional development grant.

### **New Business:**

- Renewal of Legislative Liaison Contract: Kim explained that Loarie Butcher is our legislative liaison. Her contract is \$5,000 per legislative session that we split with Public Service Training. She attends the sessions and provides weekly updates, especially on topics that may pertain to adult education.
- COABE Representation Beth Rehberger, WVAdult Ed Rep.
  - Beth explained that her role was funded by a grant from Dollar General to COABE to establish leadership and influence for adult ed. and literacy. COABE wanted a representative in each state so officials would be informed. One attempt was to get states to direct CARES money to adult ed. It did not work in WV, but it did provide a lot of insight into/experience with legislators. Beth plans to work with the new advocate this year.
  - Kim thanked Beth on behalf of the association for her work in that capacity.

### **Other Items for Discussion**

- Next conference committee meeting is 4/1 at 10:00 AM. The next board meeting will be scheduled as needed.
  
- Anne Mezzanotte made a motion to close, Misty seconded.