

WVAEA, Inc. Board Meeting  
Marriott Charleston/Virtual  
September 15, 2021

**In attendance:**

- **In person:** Sandra Adkins, Kari Geary, Julie Hagan, Robin Haupt, John Holmes, Kim McConnaughy, Anne Mezzanotte, Tina White
- **Virtually:** Denise Aiken, Janet Arehart, Luann Bell, Bernard Brent, Sharlee Brooks, Joan Carloni, Michelle Carpenter, Amanda Cooper, Jennifer Donaho, Carrie Edgell, Georgie Ferrell, Judy Houck-Eli, Jessica Keaton, Rachel Lester, Bryan Lewin, Gwenn Mayhew, Nicole Manuel, Stephen Miller, Stacey Miller, Amy Moore, Marsha Mullins, Kimberly Pickens, Misty Richardson, Emily Thompson, Deshawna Toler, Christine Toscano-Nixon, Kristi Vermillion, Kathy Winkler, Mike York

**Approval of minutes (Oct 28, 2020):**

Nick Northup made a motion to approve the minutes from the Oct. 28, 2020 WVAEA, Inc. Board Meeting. Tina White seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

Anne reported that as of 8/31/2021 we have:

Checking Account: \$51,047.42

C.D.s: \$17,224.90

**Committee Reports:**

- **2021 Fall Professional Development:** Kari Geary reported that 95 people attended in person. We have a 3 year contract with the Marriott, so we will meet at the Charleston Marriott for the next two years. Kim acknowledged what a great job Kari and the conference committee have done handling all the challenges lately.
- **2021 Awards Summary:** Tina White reports that we got excellent award nominations despite the challenging last year.
- **Membership Update:** Kari reports that 200 registrants to the fall PD chose to join WVAEA.

**Old Business**

- **Legislative Rep:** Kim McConnaughy suggested we renew our contract with Loarie Butcher (we cost share 50/50 with PST) to keep apprised of legislature developments. We decided to continue using her services.
- **Day at the Legislature:** Kim does not know the status of day at the legislature yet. It was canceled last year due to covid.
- **Status of Grant Awards:** Anne Mezzanotte reported that 19 grants totaling \$5378.40 have been given out so far. Grant requests must go through an approval process.
- **COABE Update:** Julie Hagan reported that, as of now, COABE will be hybrid. The in-person portion will be in Seattle. Beth Rehberger (state COABE rep) updated that this year's initiative is to get more money for and awareness of adult ed. and she has access to a variety of marketing tools to spread the word about adult education and what we do. The executive committee will

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discuss with Beth the marketing resources and strategies. \*\*\*You need your specific COABE number you receive with your registration to access resources.\*\*\*

**New Business**

- **2021 Election Process:** Wendy Mick reported that, as per the bylaws, we seeking nominations for three WVAEA executive committee members. Nominees must approve their nomination. Elections will be virtual the first week of Oct. using a link distributed on the listserv.
- **Awards Grant Co-Chairperson:** Julie announced that Wendy Mick was appointed to this position.
- **2022 Conference Arrangements:** Kari told us that conference will be at the Charleston Marriott again next year and the brownies are good. : )

**Motion to Adjourn.**

Beth Rehberger motioned to adjourn. Robin Haupt seconded. Meeting adjourned.