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## **NeAEYC Board Meeting Minutes September 23, 2010 – 1:30 – 3:00**

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Dawn Mollenkopf, President. A quorum was established.

### **Attendance:**

- Members present: Jennifer Haggart, Pat Enevoldsen, Karen Decker, Sarah Ann Kotchian, Sue Ellen Wall, Linda Maslowski, Gina Battey, Dawn Mollenkopf. Kim Madsen & Steve Wilson participated via conference call.
- Members absent: Amber McCants, Kathy Zadina, Jose Zapata, Deb Ross, Linda Sullivan
- Staff present: Linda Zinke, Executive Director; Jennifer Harris, Accountant

This was Steve Wilson's last meeting. He was commended for his service to NeAEYC.

**Secretary's Report:** Kim Madsen moved and Sue Ellen seconded the secretary's report be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

### **Financial Report:**

- 2009-2010: Information regarding income and expenses for 11 months of the current fiscal year and the statement of financial position were presented by Jen and Linda. Sue Ellen moved and Pat seconded the information be placed on file. Linda Maslowski commented that as a new board member, she felt the presentation of the financial information and the narrative was very helpful.
- 2010-2011: The budget for the upcoming fiscal year had been reviewed and discussed by the finance committee on September 15. This budget includes the ARRA funds. These funds are for four projects: Expansion of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA, Quality Enhancement – Centers, Quality Enhancement – Family Child Care Providers, and Accreditation support. Projects and funding projected to continue include Building Bright Futures (T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® and Quality Enhancement in greater Omaha Metro area), sub-contract with Lincoln Action Program for the Infant-Toddler Initiative, and a contract with the Community Service Association for the Lincoln area. The finance committee voted unanimously to approve the budget.
- Audit changes: Jen Harris presented information regarding the current changes to the audit process, and the upcoming changes with the receipt of additional funds. This will generate the need for a single purpose audit for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®.

### **Program Reports:**

Membership report: Membership information was presented, including a comparison chart of membership from September 30, 2009 – July 31, 2010. The chart shows a decrease of 5 members. Lincoln AEYC and the Sarpy/Cass chapter have increased their membership – all others have decreased.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Public Policy Report – this was presented by the Public Policy Chair, Sarah Ann Kotchian. Her information included a recent document from NACCRR about family child care homes and centers in Nebraska. Nebraska ranks 32<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for family child care homes, and 50<sup>th</sup> for centers. Neither of these is at all positive. There was a discussion about licensing standards and ongoing efforts to improve them. It seems possible the licensing standards will never get significantly revised.

### **Old Business:**

#### Board vacancies:

- We still have one vacancy on the board. The Executive Committee will work to get this filled.
- Steve Wilson has identified a replacement board member for his position as Public School representative.

#### **New Business/Discussion Topics:**

- Retreat goals: The details of the goals generated from the annual planning retreat were presented. The board was asked to review the goals and consider individual and group actions. Goals discussed included advocacy, webinars, student leadership, engaging kindergarten teachers, marketing for accreditation, and connecting with family child care providers.
- New Public Schools representative: We do not have the biographical information for this person yet.
- Calendar for 2011: We reviewed the calendar for 2011 and added dates for the board meetings: The January meeting will be following the legislative breakfast, and will not be determined until we have more information regarding the legislative schedule. The April meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The June meeting is the planning retreat, and has been scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. The September meeting was scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Technology update: Linda reviewed information about the new Facebook page, the website data, and the development of training through the GoToWebinar process.

#### **Local Affiliate Reports:**

Reports were submitted by the Kearney Chapter, Southeast Community College Student Chapter, the Columbus Chapter, and Omaha AEYC.

#### **Adjourn:**

Seeing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. by President Dawn Mollenkopf.

#### **Next meetings:**

- January – to be determined
- April: 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:30 – 3:00 – Mill Towne Building, Lincoln
- June 9<sup>th</sup>, following the annual retreat at Mahoney State Park
- September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 3:00 – Mill Towne Building, Lincoln

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Enevoldsen, Secretary



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