

NCACES Regional Business Meeting @ ACES Oct 9., 2015
530-630p

Announcements:

Welcome and introduction to President Stephen Craig. Introduction to past president and gratitude to Dr. Myers for work in St. Louis conference

President's Report:

Introductions to the Executive Committee, President Stephen Craig, President-elect, Julie Robinson, Past-President Charlie Myers, Secretary Cassandra Storlie, Treasurer Jennifer Cook, and Member-at-Large Debra Pender.

Discussion about appointment of Jennifer Cook as Treasurer. Gratitude to Kelly Kozlowski, formerly of Bowling Green State University who stepped in this year to serve. Also appreciation to Susan Huss, long-time treasurer of NCACES who stepped down and transitioned this role to Kelly in 2014. Solicited a call for self-nominations for treasurer position; reviewed a few applications, and Jennifer Cook was selected and appointed by President Stephen Craig.

Invited membership to examine the bylaws and look at the revisions that were revised in 2012. Member-at-Large Debra Pender will award 4 awards today. We will also award two research grants, one faculty and one student. Award amounts have been amended from \$1000/award to \$500/award. Budget situation is such that the region lost money on conference expenses in St. Louis. President Craig decided to adjust the awards from 3 at \$1000 each to 2 awards at \$500 each, namely in response to the financial loss that was incurred with the regional conference in St. Louis. This could be revisited in the future as the financial situation could change.

Visit from ACES president Tarrel Portman, past president Marty Jencius and president elect Heather Trepal.

Additional Announcements from ACES Leadership:

ACES 2017 - will be in Chicago, IL

ACES 2019 - will be in Seattle, WA

ACES hired a conference coordinator who will be available to regions for consultations (Holly Brandover).

Brian Dew, ACES Treasurer, met with Regional Treasurers and provided a training.

Heather Trepal, President Elect, announced that the Graduate Student Representative will be a 3 year term and an elected position. Nominees will be due in January. Statement of interest and a CV from each nominee will be required.

Rebates will be coming from ACES to NCACES.

Past President's Report:

Facilitating the Elections is the duty of the Past President. Send Charlie Myers an email re: nominations for president elect, member at large and secretary.

President Elect:

NCACES Conference in 2016 will be at Embassy Suites in Bloomington, MN, suburb of Minneapolis. The dates for the conference are October 20-22. There may be a pre-conference training opportunity on October 19th. Details will be announced in spring. Goal was to include states more western side of NCACES as previous sites have included Kansas City, Indianapolis, St. Louis, and Chicago. If you stay at conference hotel, free parking and made to order hot breakfast every morning which saves money for NCACES and an evening reception will be provided by the hotel. NCACES will host an evening coffee and dessert bar. Free shuttle to Mall of America

Themes: You may only have one match but how can you make an explosion? How can you make an explosion in Counselor Education and Supervision.

Ideas about Pre-Conference - example: HPSO - reasons why people are being sued, etc and they are willing to provide a workshop for free.

Questions: Will membership attend the Wednesday of that week (prior to regular conference)? Discussion about a service component back to Minneapolis.

Questions: What kind of ideas does membership have for a pre-conference?

Discussion - Introduction about international issues. Women's Retreat.

Ideas for Empty Plate Project: Giving back to children with Juvenile Diabetes at the Mayo Clinic.

Dates of Conference: Oct 19-Oct 22 = Embassy Suites in Minneapolis, near Mall of America and Airport

Treasurer's Report:

Jen Cook - new to this position within the last month. Want to ensure that we are a financially sound region and doing due diligence. There was no past operating budget. ACES, in an effort to help regions with financial accountability, will now require annual operating and conference-year budgets that will be tied to ACES Conference rebates to regions. In years of national ACES conferences that were profitable, ACES has a profit-sharing model to share rebates to regions. Beginning this year, rebates will be tied to the timely submission of conference year and operation budgets by regional Presidents and Treasurer. . ACES is up to 3100 members and the highest numbers are coming from graduate students. Confidence in our region in how we are allocating funds. Membership notified that a budget will be developed and more should be reported at the NCACES regional business meeting at ACA in Montreal, Canada.

Secretary's report: Cassie Storlie - Minutes to the meeting will be posted to NCACES website.

Member at large report:

Award announcements -

Outstanding Diversity Award: Joel Filmore (Northwestern University)

Outstanding Professional Teaching Award: Rebecca Tadlock Marlo (Eastern IL University)

Outstanding Supervisors Award: Anna Viviani (Indiana State University)

Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Zachary Bloom (University of Central Florida)

Outstanding Professional Service, Professional, Research Award, Mentor Award, Counselor Education Program. Currently extending this until Oct 31st. If additional nominations are received by October 31st, these awards will be given out in Montreal.

Membership Committee:

Note to all recent members of NCACES that have lapsed by Oct 2015. Membership that is current is 86 professional regular members, 64 student members, 71 lapsed, and what is mostly consistent is 230-240 average membership. Our membership dues are the lowest among all the regions and would like for it to stay that way so encouragement to have a successful conference. President Craig did mention, however, that a dues increase would be considered. The membership dues have remained consistent over a decade; increasing costs associated with conferences may require a reconsideration of our current due structure.

Graduate Student Representative: Michael Bobbitt was appointed by President Stephen Craig as the Graduate Student Representative. Michael is a 3rd year Ph.D. Counselor Education student at Western Michigan University – Michael reported that the graduate student committee has been developed and is examining grad student retention for NCACES. Will explore the NCACES website and newsletter to meet the needs of graduate students. Want to be a voice for grad students in North Central region.

Research Grant Awards:

Past awards were 3 separate \$1000 awards. Now are 2 awards at \$500. Since we have a successful conference, we will examine the other applicants and consider if additional awards are possible. Need IRB approval for awards to be funded.

Faculty Award: Dr. Stephanie Burns - awarded

Student Award: Sangmin Park - awarded

Questions and Comments:

Exploration of Raising Dues for Professional Members? Student members need to be half of the cost of the professional dues.

Motion by John Laux: Change the bylaws to reflect a different ratio from professional rate to student rate (to empower raising the professional rates and to no longer reflect a 50% reduction for students)

Motion seconded by" Nakpangi Thomas

Discussion: Geof Jager - discussion of what is a reasonable raise in cost for membership dues? Same price since 1972.

Must find ways to generate more funds among members - including membership dues or other ways. Challenges to communicate with NCACES members. Encourage members to consider signing up on FB. Membership invited to email president direction.

Vote taken and motion passes.

6:30pm EST, Meeting was adjourned.