Region IV Policy Meeting Minutes

 **10 April 2014**

**Hampton Inn & Suits**

**New Orleans, LA**

Meeting called to order at 9:06 pm by Region IV Vice President, Lorri Carlile.

All committee members and guests introduced themselves.

**Committee Members present:**

Jona Kay Squires-OK, Rex Buckhaults-MS, Ralph Mora-NM, Christina Holecek-TX, Sherry Siler-AR, Linda Callaway-AR, Tracy Beard-LA, Lee Ann Wilson, National ACTE, and Lorri Carlile,OK.

**Members not present:**

None

**Guests present:**

Harry Almond-AR, Angela Scott, AR

**Reading of Agenda**

Changes were made with the correction of the year from 2015 to 2014.

* Motion: To approve the agenda for 10 April 2014.
* Motion made by –Tracy Beard (LA)
* Seconded By - Jonna kay Squires (OK)
Vote: Motion carried
Resolved: Agenda for the meeting on 10 April 2014 approved without modification.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Motion: To approve the minutes for 04 December 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada
* Made by –Tracy Beard (LA)
* Seconded by – Ralph Mora (NM)
Vote: Motion carried
Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on 04 April 2013 approved without modification.

**Up-date for 2015 Region IV Conference – Angela Scott, Arkansas**

* Save the date cards will be mailed out.
* The location of the meeting is the Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR.
* Guest will be able to participate in lots of activities at the River Walk.
* Excellent rates for the hotel/meeting space.
* Call for presenters will be earlier, October 1, 2014.
* Call for presenters will be sent out from ACTE e-blast.

Ralph Mora gave helpful information to help with the call for presenters.

**Region IV Report – Lorri Carlile**

**March Board Meeting**

* Lots of material was covered at the National ACTE board meeting. It’s really tough to limit the material to present at this meeting.
* Lorri had the pleasure to serve on the Executive committee with the state directors. We are both doing the same things and we need to join what we are doing together. These efforts will continue.

Lee Ann Wilson added additional comments about ACTE’s relationship with state directors.

There is no tension with the state directors, it is a lot of great work going on. Lee Ann and Steve have done a lot of work to bring this together.

Angela Scott (AR): How many states are pulling their state conference together? Lee Ann Wilson stated that we are presently working with the state directors to provide teachers with professional resources. State directors are willing to use ACTE resources. State directors rotate so often, it is hard to maintain relationships.

Angela Scott stated that Arkansas will be putting our state conferences together this year along with all state directors. This is the first time ever in Arkansas and we are really nervous.

Lee Ann Wilson cited the benefits of working with state directors. We are willing to help all states that are in need of our resources.

Lorri stated that finances are always big. We have cut finances by not replacing staff members. The association has saved a tremendous amount of money. The only concern is the load that has been place on the staff members.

**Membership**

Membership has been a big concern. This is the basis of our money. We need to know what you are doing in your states.

Rex Buckhaults (MS) stated that they have been working with the state department to have joint conferences. They also work with the state on all workshops. The state has added a lot of professionalism and many more resources are available. Traveling state trophies also have added excitement and increased attendance.

Ralph Mora (NM) stated that adding membership dues to our registration for conferences has helped with membership. We encourage teachers to get sponsors to attend national and state meetings.

Christine Holeceki (TX) indicated that their desire was to be ACTE-Texas. We are split and don’t know how to fix it. We don’t have the name we want. This is our goal.

Tracy Beard (LA) indicated that we are still struggling too, because we are split. We seem to be left out of things with the state directors. All of the state staff that we knew is gone. The state is really pushing to merge secondary and post-secondary. Still a lot of dis-connects.

Lee Ann pointed out that ACTE is working on using Perkins for dues. Alabama is already doing it.

Angela Scott stated that Governor Bee will not allow it in Arkansas.

**Vision 2015**

Vision 2014 will be held in Nashville, Tennessee and then we are back in New Orleans for 2015.

Board liaisons gave their business reports and, different groups gave their input on the meeting. Strategic partnership was worked on very hard by Steve Dewitt.

Lee Ann indicated that partnerships have doubled and we wish that we had more staff to meet with partners. We think some good things will come from these partnerships.

We also discussed the preferred future. OVAE has had a name change. Brenda Messer wills leave the Department of Education; she will be missed because she has been a strong advocate and supported of ACTE. We will be in good hands, we are familiar with the staff, we do not know who her replacement will be, but we have good, strong connections.

2014 Best Practices and Innovations Conference will be held September 17-19, 2014.

We have had 284 call for presentations submitted for Vision 201. They will be reviewed and selections will be made. Presenters will be notified in May.

Registration is opened for Vision 2015.

Angela Scott (AR) noted that we had 25 to register the day our state conference registration opened. Thanks to ACTE for a painless registration.

**Budget**

Lorrie passed out the budget sheets and we were given a few minutes to look over the budget. She mentioned that we have been very frugal and the grants have been great for first time attendees to attend Vision.

Ralph Mora had a question about the “other income topi” on the budget.

There were no other questions. Lorri stated that the company that she used for awards has been very good at never going over the budget and she encouraged Sherri Siler (VP-Elect) to use the same vendor.

**Review new committee appointments/vacancies in standing committees**

Lorrie passed out the organizational charts, and encouraged all states to fill the vacancies as soon as possible.

Christine Holecek (TX) indicated that some teacher’s school districts will not support them to come in early to meetings to fill these positions. Tracy Beard (LA), stated that green positions at the bottom of the chart should be aware that attendance to the national meeting is very important. All changes should be sent to Lorri as soon as possible.

**Travel Reimbursements for Region IV Policy Committee**

Travel documents should be turned in no later than 2-weeks post conference. No documentation is necessary.

**Region IV Policy Committee Meeting – Vision 2014**

The Region IV Policy meeting will be held November 19, 2014 at 9:00 am in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Region IV Business meeting is Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 4:15 pm.

**New Business**

Rex Buchhaults (MS) stated that registration for retired ACTE members should be at a reduced rate for region and state meetings

Lorri asked Angela Scott (AR) would we consider it for Region IV,2015. This is region by region, and each state can do what they want to do.

Jonna Kay Squires (OK), do we need a motion?

Ralph Mora (NM), we want affordable, not subsidizing.

Lorri suggested that we take the issue back to our states and then presented it at vision.

* Motion: To table the issue until Vision 2014
* Motion made by – Rex Buckhaults (MS)
* Seconded By – Tracy Beard (LA)
Vote: Motion carried
Resolved: The matter will be tabled until Vision 2014.

**Recess to Standing Committee Meetings –** Dauphine 1&2

Directions were given to all committee chairpersons.

Lorri is so excited that Sherri will be leading us.

It has been a big challenge, but it has been worth every minute. The ACTE staff has made my job easy.

**Adjourned at 10:22**

Regional IV Committee Meetings – 2:00 pm

**Reconvene for committee Reports – 2:27 pm**

**Awards -** Ralph Mora (NM)

* Schedules were made.
* We had 15 applicants.

**Bylaws:**  Linda Callaway (AR)

* Four (4) members were present.
* No by-law changes

**Audit Review** –Tracy Beard (LA)

* One (1) member present.
* No recommendations

**CTE Support -** Rex Buckhaults (MS)

* Tickets were passed out to members present.
* Members want to know where money is going.
* Support in Las Vegas was not good.

**Nominating** -Christine Holerek (TX)

* Three (3) members present.
* Members were reminded to adhere to the deadlines.

.**Resolutions** - Jona Kay Squires (OK)

* Several states need to fill positions on the chart.
* No new resolutions

**Adjourn:**

* Motion: To adjourn the Region IV 10 April 2014 Policy meeting.
* Motion made by –Jona Kay Squires (OK).
* Seconded By – Ralph Mora (NM).
Vote: Motion carried
Resolved: Meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm.

Submitted By:

Linda Callaway (AR)