

**Great Plains Region – Regional Business Meeting Minutes**

**Association of Continuing Higher Education Conference**

**Upper Iowa University**

**Des Moines, Iowa**

**Friday, March 6, 2015**

**Attendees:** Marthann Schulte – Park University, Robin Plumb – Southeastern State University, Jim Pappas – University of Oklahoma, Tim McElroy - Northeastern State University, Donna Alexander – University of Oklahoma, Jeni Mapel – Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Nina Barbee – University of Oklahoma, Eloy Chavez - Northeastern State University.

Guest: Patricia Green(sp) Center for English – University of Oklahoma

**Meeting Call to Order with Agenda and Approval of Minutes distributed**

Minutes were approved with motion by Marthann Schulte with second by Tim McElroy

**Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome by Chair Nina Barbee with introduction of officers, members and guests.

Officers include:

- Chair - Nina Barbee, University of Oklahoma
- Chair Elect – Nathan Miller, Columbia College
- Secretary – Eloy Chavez, Columbia College
- Treasurer – Marthann Schulte, Park University

**Treasurer Report**

Marthann Schulte reported: Beginning balance \$13,221.00 with Total Credits as \$1,244.74. Total Disbursements were \$5054.25 with a difference of -\$3809.51. Balance for Period is at \$9,411.49. Treasurer reported that we have to be very lean with finances due to lost revenue at Des Moines Regional Conference of about \$1000.00 - \$1500.00. This may be due to location and weather.

Treasurer Report motion to approve by Tim McElroy with second by Jim Pappas

**Agenda Items Discussion**

1. Discussion on Regional Meeting: - Continuing Education: Unique Approaches in Unique Settings

It was mentioned that the conference was filled with timely topics with solid presentations. Accommodations were good and it seemed that everyone had an enjoyable time. Tim McElroy mentioned that we did not have a wide-spread multi-state number of delegates. It was mentioned that we must look at different ways in attracting more members. It seemed that the attendees were primarily from Oklahoma. Marthann added

that logistically the conference could be located at OU. Regional Officers should assist along with others with the recruiting of members. It was mentioned that outreach is important and we need to fortify a membership drive. Tim mentioned that the Executive committee handles Regional recruiting with assistance in the past by Regional Chairs. No more action on this discussion taken.

Regional Conference 2016 Dr. Plumb announced that SEOSU may be interested in hosting the regional. Ynez mentioned that air travel may be a challenge for others with the conference in Durant but appreciated the suggestion. It was motioned by Tim McElroy with second by Eloy Chavez to have the conference in Durant hosted by SEOSU. Motioned carried with logistics to be planned and announce by Robin Plumb.

Regional Awards Comments were made on the fine presentation of awards. Regional award winners to include:

Exceptional Program Award:– Conferences – University of Oklahoma Outreach – National Symposium on Student Retention

Exceptional Program Award – Non-Credit - Northeastern State University – Community Music Academy

Exceptional Program Award – Credit – Park University – Collaboration for Change.

2. New Business: Chair will compile a Conference notebook on duties and responsibilities for Chair Elect and Conference Chair.
3. Old Business: None
4. Other Business: Signed Card for Charlee Lanis

Adjournment: Motioned by Robin Plumb with second by Marthan Schulte.