

**Florida Developmental Education Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Wyndham Resort Hotel  
Orlando, Florida  
Friday, October 19, 2007**

Call to order at 10:45 am by Dianne Kostelny, 2007 President

**Discussion: Treasurer's Report**

Russell Takashima reported that FDEA currently had \$21, 287.01 (including \$5,583.83 for the Florida College Reading Council). The scholarship fund has \$19,090, bringing the total treasury funds to \$40, 377.18.

**Discussion: FDEA Mission Statement**

Dianne Kostelny presented the Mission Statement and the Statement of Purpose. A motion from the floor to accept both of these additions was made and seconded. The motion carried.

**Discussion: Share Sessions**

Information will be made available between now and December. Members will be able to send in comments during the time via the web site and e-mail. The Board will consider comments and make decisions in January.

**Discussion: Board Changes**

Dianne Kostelny recognized the Board members whose terms are complete: Gail Burkett, Karen Pain, Linda Hidek, and Laura Smith. Thank you to each of these members for their dedication and service to FDEA; each member received a plaque in recognition for their service/

**Discussion: Conference Silent Auction Report**

The silent auction netted \$520.00. These funds will be added to the scholarship fund. A thank you was offered to the members who supported this effort both with donations and bids.

**Discussion: Final Recognitions**

Dianne Kostelny thanked the Region I schools for a successful conference. An additional thank you was given to the Valencia Community College conference planners.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan H. Taylor

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Call to order at 12:00 pm by Dianne Kostelny, 2007 President

In attendance: Margie Simon, Marjorie Sussman, Susan Bierster, Lynn Blanton-Mitze, Wanda Cook, Sandra Offiah-Hawkins, Nick Bekas, Dianne Kostelny, Laura Smith, Linda Hidek, Karen Pain, Tammy Cherry, Diane Reese, Susan Taylor, Shirley Rehberg, Michelle Thompson, Russell Takashima, Gail Burkett, Sandy Burkholder, Hubert Brown, Jr.

Meeting opened with introductions.

**Discussion: Officer Slate for 2007-2009**

Dianne Kostelny presented the Officer slate: President – Nicholas Bekas; Vice-President - Lynn Blanton-Mitze; Secretary – Susan Taylor; Treasurer – Russell Takashima. She asked for additional nominations from the floor. None were received. Marjorie Sussman moved to accept the slate; Susan Bierster seconded; the motion carried.

**Discussion: Conference Reflections**

Nick Bekas led the discussion. The Board decided to stay with the same approximate dates for the 2008 conference. The hotel and conference service seemed to be very amenable; the Board would recommend using these facilities again next year. However, they would like to negotiate lower room rates. The Board also recommends keeping Chara Young's group as the conference planners. We would like them to get started now. Margie Simon moved to accept the conference planners; Wanda Cook seconded the motion; motion carried.

The discussion continued regarding the sessions. The vendors were very pleased. They liked the idea that activities were held in the Vendor Hall. The presenters, however, did not like competing against vendors offering a chance to win a computer or MP3 (ex. Hawkes). A suggestion to address this concern was to have all vendor presenters at one session.

Another vendor problem was that an e-mail was sent out advertising a laptop give-away; the laptop was not given away. It was, however, replaced by an MP3 player.

Nick will follow-up with presenters who did not pay the registration fee. A letter will be sent to their college requesting payment for their registration. Additionally, it was decided that all presenters must communicate with the conference planners by a certain date prior to the conference in order to assure that all details have been covered, such as registration fees paid. This will be addressed with the conference planners. It was also

decided that the members from the Host Region will help to choose presenters from the applications received.

Next year, it was recommended that we also include Poster Sessions. It was noted that poster sessions had been tried before and could try again. The suggestion was made to combine the poster session and the share session. Because the share sessions are so popular, that idea was rejected. Next year, we will advertise and see what the response is like. Poster sessions will be added to the application

The Share Sessions with targeted discussion topics were very successful. We may want to try this format again next year.

The suggestion was made to incorporate the DOE Update into the Thursday luncheon. Luncheon tables by subject area worked well.

### **Discussion: Board Member Responsibilities**

- a. Newsletter – Marjorie Simon, Susan Bierster
- b. nominations – Margie Sussman
- c. membership – Michelle Thompson
- d. Awards – Tammy Cherry
- e. Exhibitors/Parliamentarian – Shirley Rehberg, Michelle Thompson
- f. Institutional Membership – Wanda Cook
- g. Diversity – Sandra Offiah-Hawkins
- h. Political Liaison – Diane Reese
- i. Local Arrangements/Program Co-Chair – Susan Bierster
- j. Historian - OPEN

### **Discussion: 2008 Conference Theme**

Nick Bekas called upon the Board to think of an appropriate theme for FDEA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Board members should e-mail Nick as soon as possible.

### **Discussion: Membership**

The Board discussed ideas for increasing membership. Board members are asked to bring ideas for membership to the next meeting. Gail Burkett reported that 8 out of 10 Adjunct Fee Waivers were awarded this year. There was a concern because an adjunct complained about not receiving a response to fee waiver. Laura Smith will address this issue with the adjunct in question. Lynn Blanton reported that we did get 31 new members at the 2007 conference.

**Discussion: Outstanding Educator**

A discussion about adding a monetary award to the Outstanding Educator was held. Sandra Offiah-Hawkins moved that we give \$1000 to the outstanding educator; Lynn Blanton seconded. The motion failed (4 in favor; 14 against). A second motion was made to make the monetary award \$500 by Margie Sussman; seconded by Dianne Kostelny. That motion carried. The final discussion centered around the possibility that only one application might be received. Would this person receive the award by default? The Board decided that each application would be evaluated based on its merit. If no applicant is qualified, we have the right to not make an award that year.

**Discussion: State Exit Exams**

The discussion about the share sessions began in order to determine the next steps to take regarding the FDEA position statements on the use of calculators for math, computers for writing, and reorganization of the reading skills.

Sandra Burkholder will check on what has already been discussed at CIA, including the discussion that CIA has made to date on developmental issues.

How will we communicate with members who participated in Share Sessions? Nick Bekas recommended gathering information from the Share Sessions by November 1, 2007. All groups send summaries send to Nick Bekas. Nick will send to membership (in good standing) for feedback. The Board will then generate a position statement. Finally, Nick will send a letter to the board prior to information going out to membership. A request was made for Nick to add the link to the state statutes in the letter.

**Discussion: Board Meeting Dates**

January 25-26, 2008 – Weekend at FCCJ; not sure which campus yet  
April 11-12, 2008 - BCU host and Regional Workshop  
September 2008 – at host hotel, the weekend after Labor Day

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan H. Taylor