

Draft-MAACCE General Membership Meeting

June 23, 2016, Noon-1:00pm, Tan Tar A - Lake of the Ozarks

President Jimmy Reed

President Jimmy Reed opened the MAACCE general membership meeting welcoming all attendees. As well as thanking all vendors and sponsors for an important being a part of the MAACCE conference. COABE was recognized as sponsor and thanked for providing the funding to make the Missouri conference a COABE Regional Conference. Reading Plus was recognized as platinum sponsor and providing the conference bags.

Secretary's Report-Ramona George

Minutes of the June 24, 2015 membership minutes were presented to the full membership for approval. Carrie Botts made the first motion for approval, Juli DeNisco the second, members approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report-Stacey Blodgett

Stacey Blodgett reported the MAACCE bank balance is \$50,574.00. Stoney Hayes made a motion to approved, Brad Dorris seconded, and members approved the treasurer's report.

Category Chair Reports

- AEL Directors-Lydia McClellan
Lydia McClellan reported that the State of Missouri Adult Education and Literacy is training programs in the use of CLAS-E assessment for ESL students. TABE 11 and 12 are being field tested. The State of Missouri AEL was number one in the nation in educational progression.
- AEL Teachers --Brad Dorris
Brad Dorris reported that AEL Teacher category funds were used for MAACCE registration scholarships. COABE Teacher of the Year was Ronda Blakey of the Moberly, MO AEL program. A new AEL Teachers category chair will be appointed at the afternoon category meeting.
- After-School Category -Stoney Hays and Dawn Voyles
Stoney Hayes extended thanks for extending the school day and help making school a priority. Of the 295 2016 MAACCE conference registrants 111 are from the after school category. The %K Run will be back in 2017 so make plans to get involved. Consider bringing kids. MASN quarterly meetings are held in Columbia. At the category meeting a co-chair will be elected. The 21st Century Grants have been in jeopardy, thanks was extended for everyone's support in keeping the funding. Topics for discussion are STEM, Advocacy, Professional Development, Networking, and Staff Recognition. Terri Folkes with the Afterschool Network was recognized for her contribution to the MAACCE conference.
- Community Education -Kathy Hueste
Kathy Hueste reported that the Community Education Consortium meets in the fall and the spring. Community Education wants to continue their affiliation with LEARN.
- Higher Education-Dr. Susan Isenberg
Dr. Susan Isenberg is retiring and has recommended Rachel Morgan and Susan Newton as Higher Education Co-Chairs.

MAACCE Constitution Amendments

President Jimmy Reed presented the recommended MAACCE Constitution amendments. The constitution was last amended in June of 2010. The amendments include; defining lifetime membership, eliminating organizational affiliations that no longer exist and distinguishing MACCE Board and MAACCE officers. Stoney Hayes made the first motion, Shannon Moore the second, all in favor. The constitution amendments are approved.

Affiliate Reports

- AACCE-Jamy Preul

Jamy Preul was not present but sent her report American Association for Adult and Continuing Education report. The 64th annual conference was held in November in Oklahoma City with the theme of “Evolutions and Revolutions in Adult Learning”. I was able to attend and represent MAACCE, and am grateful for the opportunity to add this to my list of professional development endeavors. AAACE conferences are typically representative of all types of adult education. In Missouri we might tend to think of adult education only as adult basic education, rather than the entire adult education world. Strands presented at the conference included: Adult Basic Education, Adult High School, Adult Numeracy, Correctional Education, Adult Development and Aging, Adult Learners with Disabilities, Adult Learning, Adult Psychology, Counseling and Services, Colleges and Universities (including Community Colleges), Distance and Online Learning, Cooperative Education, Minority and Human Rights, Popular Education, Non-formal Education, Religious Adult Education, Women’s Issues, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Vocational and Career Education, Graduate Student Education, Health Professionals, History and Philosophy of Adult Education, International Adult Education, Military Education, Program Management and Administration, Sustainability and Environmental Adult Education, Workforce Development, Professional Development, Continuing Education, and Human Resource Development. Keynote Speakers were great and offered good information about the history, evolution, revolutions and future of adult education. Some of the information was about the growth of involvement internationally. One keynote was Dr. Katarina Popovic, Secretary General of the International Council for Adult Education and a professor at the University of Belgrade. She spoke of the changes that adult education has brought in social movements, social and political changes, and shifting paradigms. She took us through a walk in history to highlight examples of adult education, as an agent of positive change and evolutionary progress. She also shed light on possible misuses and failures of adult education, such as Nazism and communism. Another keynote speaker, who has been involved with adult education for decades, shared personal perspectives on some metaphors that reflect our past experience and can inspire our future directions. He shared a newly launched international compendium of adult and continuing education. His talk ended with the panel of colleagues who helped to explain their role in the new compendium. I was able to attend 9 sessions and the poster display. The type of sessions that I chose to attend dealt with workforce issues, diversity and race, career development, welfare recipients’ self-identities and effective teaching characteristics. Each session had between nine and eleven choices, plus the round table discussions, so there were quite a number to choose from. Most of the information presented comes from research that the presenters are working on. The 65th Conference will be held in Albuquerque, NM, November 8-11, 2016. I encourage all of you to attend.

- COABE-Juli DeNisco

Juli DeNisco gave the reminder that Every MAACCE member is a COABE member!

In the spring of 2015 COABE put together multiple strategy meetings. State association leaders (I am the MAACCE Liaison to COABE) met through conference calls and discussed the main focus for COABE going forward. You can read the results of these meetings on the COABE Website under Strategic Plan. One of the key points made by members was the need for a voice for Adult Education and advocacy on a national level. (I presented the events and resources available for advocacy on the local level during a MAACCE conference session.) Advocacy: COABE brought together state association leaders from around the country for our first ever Capitol Hill Day on April 26, 2016! Many connections were made with legislators and key staff as they endeavored to raise the voice of adult education nationwide. While leaders were in DC, an Op Ed was published in *The Hill*--a newspaper for legislators and their key staff entitled- "**Close the Illiteracy Blind Spot with Adult Education.**" You can read the full article *on the COABE Website www.coabe.org* and join in the discussion at #capitolhillday! Another Capitol Hill Day is scheduled for September 28th 2016. I will be in attendance for this event. Please feel free offer any suggestions for information you would like relayed to our legislator's offices. COABE rolled out the new advocacy campaign and resources at the 2016 Dallas COABE conference including fact sheets and 3 new videos for use by all. COABE Conferences: 2016 in Dallas, TX – Entitled **Bigger and Better in Texas** the COABE national conference continues to grow each year! This year, nearly 2,000 participants gathered for state-of-the-art professional development, in Dallas, TX, from April 10-13, 2016. There were several exciting pre-conferences, networking, and special-one-of-a-kind off-site activities! 2017 in Orlando, FL – The Conference Entitled **Adult Education: Today's Magic for Tomorrows Dreams** will be held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort April 2- 5, 2017. Check the website this fall as they will be offering 50 mini grants to cover the cost of the registration. MAACCE members receive a discount on registration because we are large group member of COABE. There will also be applications for scholarships and awards. MAACCE/COABE Regional Conference: Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from COABE another exciting MAACCE/ COABE Regional Conference was presented. A free registration to the 2017 COABE conference will be given to one lucky MAACCE member during the conference. Kim Olson the COABE Region 5 representative was present at the joint conference and was a co presenter regarding the Advocacy push by COABE. Follow COABE on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the COABE App

Standing Committee Chairs

- Nominations and Awards-Patty Stark

Patty Stark reported the awards that will be need nominations for the 2017 conference. She recommend that two awards be added higher education and AEL Directors. Patty stated that if a person is nominated for more than one category that a separate nominations for each category is required.

- Publications/Public Relations-Tina Hunsel

Tina Hunsel was not present the conference but submitted her report. She reported that the newly redesigned website was launched in October 2015. The web address remains the same www.maacce.org. The new site has a fresh look and was designed to be visitor-friendly, with easy navigation. Previously, MAACCE paid a \$1,200/year fee for an outside agency to host and update the website. The Committee Chair and Board worked with the company to select a template and give input on the design. The company charged a once-time fee of \$1,000 to redesign the site. With the new website, there is now only a nominal hosting fee of \$200/year; thus saving our organization \$1,000 per year. Another benefit is that the process for website edits and updates has been streamlined. In the past, requests were sent to the MAACCE Publications Chair, who compiled them, and then forwarded to the web host to make the changes. With current site, requests are submitted to Publications Chair, who can make the updates quickly and easily. There is also a blog feature to post announcements, news, and highlights. A Facebook page for the organization was created in June of 2015: *Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education*; <https://www.facebook.com/MAACCEMissouri>. In the past, a new Facebook group or page was created each year to share that particular year's conference information. Postings were generally made only around conference time. The result was several, disconnected pages, which went unused after the highlighted conference. The new Facebook page is a central, single group page with each current year's conference highlighted on this same site. The page is also maintained and updated year-round with announcements, news, and highlights posts. Members are encouraged to check out the new website (www.maacce.org) and "like" the Facebook page (search "*Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education*"). Contributions and suggestions are welcome- contact Tina Bueneman Hunsel at hunseltina@prcommunityed.org.

- Legislative-Deborah Briggs

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- Membership-Jana Groner-Skopec

Jana Groner-Skopec reported there are 295 members/registrants this year. Last year there were 223. Jana thanked the presenters. She reminded members to complete the conference survey that will be sent to them electronically via survey monkey. Also that the conference name tag is the membership card.

Installation of new officers and board members will occur at the closing session prior to the capstone speaker.

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