

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS (M.A.T.E.)
Executive Board Meeting
June 13, 2008
Len and Evelyn Kaplan's home

Present: Karen Bolak, Ginnie Harder, Ilene Ingram, Len Kaplan, Motria Kraus, Bess Kypros, Tim Larabee, Carolyn Logan, Jo-Ann Snyder, Kathy Walsh, Olivia Williams and Donna Wissbrun,

- **Introductions:** Tim called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Introductions of those present followed.
- **Agenda review and approval:**
- **Standing Committees:**
- **ATE Liaison:** ATE will be held in Dallas on Feb. 14-18, 2009. Proposal submissions has been extended
- **Student-Teacher/Intern of the Year:** Tom K needs someone to replace him as coordinator. Discussion took place concerning asking past student teacher award recipients to serve on the selection committees. Personal invitations should be extended to these past recipients to attend the MATE Board Meetings.
- **Journal:** Karen reported for Sandy. She stated that there will be a fall journal. She and Motria are working on this. A call for proposals has been extended for the winter journal. Articles from the Fall 06 Conference will be published in the Journal with the permission of the authors. Presenters of the 08 Conference can submit articles for the Winter Journal.
- **Newsletter:** All agreed that the newsletter was done very well.
- **Professional Development Fall Conference** will be held on October 10-11 in Grand Rapids. Eight new proposals have been submitted. Five proposals came from Grand Rapids. A tour of the museums in Grand Rapids will take place on Saturday after the conference ends at 4 p.m. The President of Grand Valley will sponsor and welcome attendees at the reception on Friday. Discussion followed regarding the scheduling for Saturday and the possibility of offering opportunities to car pool on the MATE web page.
- **Legislative Policy:** Carolyn reported that MDE is considering a three-tier model for teacher certification. Jo-Ann reported that universities are busy reorganizing programs for elementary education. It was reported that Frank Cilowski is moving from MDE to MEA.
- **Membership:** No report was given by new chair, Ginny Harder

- **Approval of May, 2008 minutes:** Motria moved that minutes be accepted. This motion was seconded by Donna. The minutes were approved by the Board.

- **Old Business:**
- **Elections:** The slate for elections include Wanda Spatzelhol as Member at Large, Schools, and Ilene Ingram as ATE Delegate. Beth Johnson will step down from position of Member at Large, Schools and accept the position of Member at Large, Universities. The Board was reminded that officers must be members of

ATE and MATE. Donna presented the qualifications for officers, members at large, delegates and committee chairs

- **New Business:** Jo-Ann Snyder is resigning her position on the board.
- **Goals 2008-09:** The Board was advised to refer to the Goal sheet presented with the meeting materials. Following are suggestions that were presented by the Board:
 - Motria suggested that Fall conference presenters receive certificate of appreciation.
 - She also suggested holding a summer brainstorming meeting and rotating meeting times and locations for monthly meetings.
 - Tom suggested that press releases should be sent out regarding the recipients of the Student Teacher of the Year Award.
 - He also commented that the newsletter is looking very good.
 - Tim suggested that the new MATE brochure be distributed to the ISD's and that we continue our outreach with DARTP and MACCTE.
 - He also suggested that MATE should have a member of MDE on the board.
 - Other suggestions from Tim include:
 - revising the constitution
 - connecting with other professional associations in Michigan
 - meeting with content area professional organizations
 - keep bringing in new members
 - spend time reflecting on past year
 - seek better ways to build committee.
 - Jo-Ann suggested that MATE become a member of DARTP.
- Tim recommended Virginia (Ginnie) Harder as Membership Chair. Ilene seconded the motion that was passed unanimously.
- Tim appointed Donna to be executive secretary. Len seconded the appointment and it was unanimously passed.
- Donna moved and Karen seconded the motion to change the distribution of the Student Teaching Award money to \$1,000. first prize for one teacher, second place is \$500. for two teachers and \$300. for third place, \$200. for semi-finalist.
- **Next Meeting** The Retreat will be held at the MEA office in Lansing on September 19 at 10 am- 2 or so. The agenda will follow the plans proposed by the Retreat Committee.

Announcements: Len stated that in December, 08 he will be retiring after 50 years in higher education. His retirement party will be October 4.

Communications: Donna sent Ann Neal, who was a great help with the student teacher award process, a card and a gift.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bess Kypros