

Kansas Scholastic Press Association

Executive Board Meeting

Minutes

December 6, 2008

The Kansas Scholastic Press Association Executive Board met Saturday, December 6, 2008 at Elliott Hall on the campus of Wichita State University. Those present included Linda Drake, Travis Feil, Lisa Crites, John Hudnall, Jill Chittum, Jim McCrossen, Kathy Habiger, Debi Hughbanks, Jessica Bowman, Peggy Eland, Jennifer Hanson, Susan Massy, Mary Patrick, and Ashley Kappelmann.

Call to order

Lisa called meeting to order 9:57 a.m. Introductions were made.

Minutes

Linda made a motion to approve the August 2, 2008 minutes. Peggy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence

John received a thank you letter from SPLC for KSPA's donation.

Executive Director Reports

Membership

Membership numbers, fall conference numbers, and number of All-Kansas entries are down.

John will let each rep know who in their areas were members last year but have not joined this year.

Finances

Checking account balance: \$2,487.81

CD balance: \$28,285.63

Endowment: \$43,726.55

Total Assets: \$74,499.99 (Last year our funds were approximately \$83,000 at this time last year.)

Committee Reports

Constitution

Jill made a motion to remove Article 4.1.d. Linda second the motion. The motion was approved.

Linda made a motion to change Art. 4.1.j.—take out and publish the Courier and add and publications after correspondence. Jill seconded motion. The motion was approved.

Endowment Committee

Jim led meeting for Amy today. The committee is looking for fundraising ideas. The endowment board will offer one grant for an adviser with less than five years experience to attend the JEA Flint Hills workshop in the summer. The deadline will be March 13. Reps can communicate information at contest meeting. The winner will be announced at the state meeting in May. Sharon will design an application form.

Nominations

Nominations were discussed. Current board members were asked if they plan to run again. Jennifer and Linda will contact potential nominees.

Old Business

JEA Mentor Program—Mary Ann McCloud and Linda have been concerned about some communication issues with some of the mentees. Time, distance, and availability of the mentees have been issues encountered this year. Mary Ann and Linda will be presenting a workshop at Phoenix. A stipend scholarship fund will be available to new mentor states with remaining funds to be available to current mentor states. Changes in the JEA mentor program have taken place—particularly in funding. A suggestion was made that area reps could help assist with the mentor program. Mary Ann and Linda will put together a plan to share at the May meeting. Training could take place after the August board meeting.

Snow Policy

The current policy was upheld in May. As technology changes, this issue will be revisited. All changes will have to be approved by contest directors.

New Business

Kansas Professional Communicators

All-Kansas write off—A change in personnel for the All-Kansas write offs has taken place. Gwen Larson at Emporia Gazette has changed contest. Linda will compile the entries and transport to Gwen Larson. KSPA sent out an email yesterday to membership regarding the contest.

Executive Director Search Committee

As of yesterday, there are 18 applicants. The committee will meet next week and will narrow the list to 3-4 candidates. These candidates will be interviewed and teach classes. A new director will be selected in January. KSPA is responsible for 50 percent of the costs in the search for the new director (travel, hotel, etc.).

Legislative Brochure

One of the issues facing some new advisers is a lack of knowledge regarding the origin of student press rights in Kansas—and what it means for advisers and students in our state. This information could be accessed on the KSPA website—along with lesson plans and other information regard student press rights. The committee putting this information together includes Jim, Becky Tate, Mike Dunlap and Susan.

Middle School Workshop

The middle school workshop is scheduled for the first Friday of February.

Travis made a motion to adjourn. Debi seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hanson
Secretary