

Arkansas Teachers for National Board Certification (ATNBC)

Board Meeting March 2010

The ATNBC Executive Board met Monday, March 1, 2010, at Thornton Education Center, Harding University, Searcy. Ten members were present:

Mara Cawein, Clara Carroll, Nancy Fancyboy, Terry French, Amy Jones, Vera Leath, Lori Martin, Cyndi Matthews, Karen Mullenix, and Christy Waire.

President Cyndi Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed new board members Nancy Fancyboy, Terry French, and Amy Jones.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved. Treasurer Mara Cawein gave financial reports for the last two quarters.

President Matthews shared information about the 2010 ATNBC Conference held February 6. Total attendance was 65: 30 candidates,

22 NBCTs, 10 student teachers, and 3 program speakers/guests. Results of conference evaluations, both the strengths and weaknesses as seen by attendees, were shared. President Matthews then opened the floor for suggestions and discussion on next year's conference. Many ideas resulted for further consideration, including the following:

- Promote ATNBC organization--build membership.
- Increase conference attendance- -advertise more- -seems to be a problem in the past- -need to get the information to the teachers.
- Set the next conference date soon.
- Consider moving the conference location to other parts of state in the future
- Get speakers who will draw educators.
- Invite pioneering legislators to the conference.
- Recognize the school district that is best represented at the next conference.
- More PR needed through the media- - look at possibility of having a Little Rock television station interview a board member.
- Show the "happenings" from the last conference(s) on the ATNBC web site.
- Offer to help with support groups around the state.
- Create our own list serve for communicating with teachers.
- Survey all NBCTs in the state for suggestions.
- Dr. Carroll will apply for the State Farm Grant again if we are still within the filing deadline.

Technology Chairperson Amy Jones will begin updating ATNBC's web site, starting with the Executive Board's page. New officers and committee chairmen should send her a photo and personal information for this purpose. Her school address is as follows:
jonesa@brookland.crsc.k12.ar.us

The president noted that some committees do not exist at the present time due to the elimination of national networking positions by NBPTS and private companies. Individuals who served as network liaisons for these groups will be contacted to determine their interest in continuing work with the Board this year.

Due to an error in the wording and interpretation of ATNBC's Scholarship Application, the Board voted to award monies to three recipients this year. Scholarship winners are Betty Larry of Little Rock School District, Kelly Puckett of Fouke School District, and Angela Warnix of Nettleton School District. Board members agreed that the scholarship application will be changed before next year to clarify the award requirements.

Everyone was advised of the next free National Board Webinar scheduled for March 15, 2010. More information and instructions for registering can be found at the NBPTS web site: <http://www.nbpts.org/>

President Matthews announced that she will email board members about the next meeting date. With no more business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mullenix, Secretary