

## ATNBC Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2009

**The executive board of Arkansas Teachers for National Board Certification (ATNBC) met Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Harding University in Searcy.** The following directors were present: Vera Leath, Cyndi Matthews, Mara Cawein, Christy Waire, Mickey Cox, Lori Martin, Dr. Clara Carroll, and Karen Mullenix.

**President Vera Leath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.** She welcomed board members and introduced the new historian, Christy Waire.

**Treasurer Mara Cawein submitted quarterly financial reports for all periods through March 31, 2009.** All were approved. Minutes of the January board meeting were unavailable.

**President Leath gave each member a list of new officers and committee chairpersons.** She reported that the organization still needs a Legislative Committee Chairman. She asked Vice-President Cyndi Matthews to help contact interested members to fill this position.

**Members discussed a new logo for the organization that will reflect its new name.** Immediate Past President Mickey Cox, who is working on the design, requested input from members. He also will handle updates to ATNBC's website through the organization's technical support person. Mr. Cox suggested several new things for the website, including the following: listings of past officers and award winners, 2009 conference photos, current board members' pictures, and biographical information on each director. Members were asked to email him the last item.

**The president thanked everyone for his hard work and dedication to the 2009 conference, and Vice-President Matthews read favorable evaluations by conference participants.**

**Board members voted to have the next ATNBC Conference on January 30, 2010, at Harding University, contingent upon facility availability.** Dr. Clara Carroll will be responsible for university reservations. She also volunteered to apply for a State Farm Grant again to offset conference expenses.

**The board agreed unanimously to research ideas for growing ATNBC membership and for increasing interest in the annual conference.** These items were suggested as a start:

- Dr. Carroll will contact North Carolina's NBPTS state network for conference and leadership ideas.
- President Leath will contact Cathy Owens for ideas to pull more NBCTs to the conference, possibly NBCTs from surrounding states.
- The conference committee will invite NBCTs who have won national or state teaching awards to be conference speakers.
- The conference committee will invite a speaker to have breakfast with conference attendees before the opening session.
- Board members agreed to initiate a membership drive right away, one which will target the state's new NBCTs. Individuals can join ATNBC for a reduced 2009 membership fee of \$5. Membership Chair Lori Martin will ask Michael Rowland, ADE, to email this information to Arkansas NBCTs and advanced candidates on his listserv/distribution lists.
- The board voted to award one or more scholarships to advanced candidates to help pay National Board retake fees. Scholarship recipients will be named at the conference. The president will appoint a scholarship committee before the next board meeting. Public Relations Chair Karen Mullenix will suggest scholarship guidelines for board consideration.

**The president reminded members of the NBPTS National Conference July 15-18 in Atlanta.** Mickey Cox made a motion for the board to send President Leath to the conference to represent our state network. Karen Mullenix seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**The president announced that the next board meeting will be held in August.** She will forward the date, time, and location through email.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen Mullenix, Public Relations**