

**Arkansas Teachers for National Board Certification
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2009
Harding University Thornton Education Center Board Room**

President Vera Leath called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Members present: Vera Leath, president; Dr. Clara Carroll, the Force; Cyndi Matthews, vice-president; Mara Cawein, treasurer, Suzanne Kunkel, NBPTS relations chair; Jesse Gunter, legislative issues chair, Mickey Cox, immediate past president.

Ms. Leath welcomed new appointee Jesse Gunter to the board.

Minutes of the most recent board meeting were approved. Motion, Dr. Carroll; 2nd, Mr. Cox.

Ms. Cawein presented the treasurer's report. The balance looks healthy.

Ms. Leath reported on the NBPTS Atlanta conference, summer 2009. She said there was a good representation from Arkansas and that there were a lot of valuable activities for NBCTs at the conference. She recommended that Arkansas NBCTs attend the national conference whenever possible.

The board discussed at length possible changes to the conference format. Dr. Carroll suggested that we try to get Dr. Jerry L. Parks (National Teacher Hall of Fame inductee) to be a presenter in a break-out style session. Others suggested that we let his break-out session be the only one offered during his time slot. (Dr. Carroll has since confirmed that Dr. Parks will indeed be presenting at our January 30 conference. `Way to go, Dr. Carroll!)

A question-and-answer session with Michael Rowland, ADE office of teacher quality, will be included on the conference schedule if Mr. Rowland is available.

It was suggested that Corey Oliver would be an ideal keynote speaker for the lunch hour. (Ms. Cawein has since confirmed that Mr. Oliver has consented to be our keynote speaker. ATNBC members who have not heard Mr. Oliver speak or who have not attended one of his previous break-out sessions, be warned—you will not want to miss hearing this young man speak!)

Meals will once again be in the Founder's Room in the Heritage Center at Harding University. Break-out sessions will be moved to Harding's more spacious and modern McInteer building with its many theater-style lecture halls and cutting-edge presentation technology. (It's still all under one roof—you never have to go outside to get from one of these buildings to the other—which could be very important in late January in Arkansas.)

Vice-President Cyndi Matthews will be the conference organizer. The conference theme will be "Reach for the Stars."

Mr. Cox went through a detailed proposal for website changes. He said it would be a few weeks before he could begin implementing them due to other schedule constraints. Members of the board made many invaluable and creative recommendations for the website.

Next meeting date for the board of directors will be Tuesday, November 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the board room in the Thornton Education Center on the campus of Harding University in Searcy.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Cox.