

**South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 29, 2018**  
**10:00 am – 11:00 am**  
**Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room 1A/1B**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Those members present were Carolyn Watt. Participating by conference call were Nancy Pryor, Tami Nix, Allison Cawley, Tricia Sheldon, Cindy Walton-McCawley, and Ed Brashier. Present from the staff were Christine Driessen and Courtney Waldrup.

**Call to Order:** President Carolyn Watt called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was established.

**Management Report:** Waldrup presented the management report. She stated that the Summer Newsletter was sent out by email on Friday, August 24. The 2019 Conference Call for Presenters and Call for Exhibitors/Sponsors were emailed on August 28. Additionally, recent website updates included a new “Members Only” section for past newsletter and minutes archives.

**Membership Report:** Waldrup presented the Membership Report, which was included in the packet. She stated that dues notices were sent on August 1 via USPS and again on August 21 via both USPS and email.

**Financial Report:** Waldrup presented the financial report. The July 2018 balance sheet showed a balance of \$3,546.94. Waldrup reported as of August 28, 2018 the bank account balance was \$3,985.84. The balance sheet is also included in the packet. Waldrup reported that, as of the time of the meeting, the association owed \$17,604.00 in past due invoices from Copper Dome Strategies for Lobbying services.

Waldrup presented the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Discussion followed. Walton-McCawley stated that she did not want the association to continue to incur debt that it would not be able to pay back. Nix asked the board members if they wanted the association to continue, and it was noted that members wanted the association to make it if a plan for resolving the current debt would be in place. Nix stated that if the association goes away, the voice of licensed child care would not be represented in legislation.

Waldrup stated that she was fairly sure the association could break even if Copper Dome could negotiate not billing SCAECE for the summer months that legislators are not in session and if they did not have a management company. Walton-McCawley expressed that she was concerned about who would run the conference if they were to decide to no longer have a management

company. Waldrup stated that, should that be the decision of the Board, JEE would be open to a contract specifically for running the conference.

Nix stated that she would set up a meeting to speak with Thordahl personally regarding the outstanding lobbying invoices and that Archway Academy would agree to contribute \$2,500 on a month to month basis, contingent upon evidence of other board members contributing as well, either financially or by way of recruiting new members. She stated that an updated membership and contribution report should be sent to the Board every Friday so that they would know what progress has been made. She stated that it is important for the organization to survive and for the members to have an attitude of excitement about the organization so that others would want to join.

Nix asked if the Board was willing to move forward with her proposal, and a majority agreed to move forward. Watt stated that she was willing to put in the work but was unable to contribute more financially. Sheldon stated that she would try to get La Petite's lobbyist contribution raised from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

#### **Board Nominations & Ballot**

Waldrup stated that the next step was to put together and send out a ballot. At the time of the meeting, a ballot had not been sent out due to no nominations being received. The Board members present nominated Carolyn Watt to serve as President, Tami Nix for Vice President, Margaret Anne Gaffney for Treasurer, Nancy Pryor for Secretary, and Tricia Sheldon for Past President. Watt stated that she would contact board members that were not present to see if they were willing to continue to serve on the board.

Those members present determined that further discussion regarding the budget and other items on the agenda should be tabled until the board could resume activity after a ballot had been sent out, so as not to act outside of the bylaws. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

With no further business to be discussed at the time, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Driessen