

**South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2014**  
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Jeff Thordahl's Office**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. Those members present were: Cindy Walton-McCawley, Tricia Sheldon, Nancy Pryor, Carolyn Watt and Ed Brashier. Participating by conference call was: Sheila King. Nan Rikard was represented by Vicki Hoover as proxy. Present from the staff was Courtney Waldrup. Also present, as a guest, was Roger Putnam from Big Blue Marble.

President Walton-McCawley called the meeting to order and Pryor opened the meeting in prayer.

**Minutes:** There was a motion to accept the September 23, 2014 board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

**Financial Report:** Waldrup presented the financials as of September 30, 2014. The Balance Sheet for the month end Checking Account is **\$23,129.59**. The current bank account balance as of October 13, 2014 was **\$19,064.20**. Waldrup reported net gain for the 2013 – 2014 fiscal yearend was **\$12,327.72**. There was a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

**Presidents Update:** Walton-McCawley welcomed Putnam as a guest. Walton-McCawley reported she had not received any email recommendations for the advisory committee on regulations. There was a discussion on the membership's responsibility of being active or inactive. Walton-McCawley reported she had not received any volunteers to serve on committees. Sheldon volunteered to serve on the legislative committee as long as she was allowed. King volunteered to serve on the legislative committee. Hoover volunteered to serve on the Conference committee for hospitality. Walton-McCawley accepted them accordingly. Walton-McCawley asked if anyone was interested in serving as the Membership committee chair. This was tabled until the next meeting since no one volunteered.

**Legislative Update:** Thordahl was not present. There was a discussion on the financial situation of the impact of reduced income due to the conference registration limitations of 500 attendees. Walton-McCawley will ask Nix to review and revise the budget based on the reduced conference attendee funds and review expense line items of the management fee and the lobbyist expenses. Waldrup was asked to research the termination clause of the contract with Copper Dome Strategies. There was a discussion on the inconsistencies with DSS. Sheldon reported on an upcoming meeting with Senator Fair and hopes DSS will be able to participate. Sheldon reported that Thordahl has met with Brian White and he is supporting the bill for this year. Sheldon reported the next advisory meeting will be October 28<sup>th</sup>, an all-day meeting, which will focus on setting priorities for what to tackle first. Waldrup was asked to send an email to the membership requesting they send regulations they would like the committee to review to Walton-McCawley by October 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion on other states lobbyist fund and National Child Care.

**Management Report:** Waldrup reported the Fall Leadership attendance was only at 15 attendees. Hoover committed 15 attendees from Big Blue Marble and Sheldon committed an additional 6 attendees from La Petite. Waldrup provided a summary of the report Nix presented indicating we need at least 60 more registrations. Waldrup reported on the sponsorships from FCI and Kaplan and vendor registration from Lakeshore.

**Membership Report:** Waldrup was asked to give a membership report. She reported all unpaid centers had been contacted. She reported on which ones were interested in renewing. Brashier suggested FCI would take on marketing SCAECE memberships if the association would give FCI some incentive to retain the members for future years. Discussion followed. There was a motion to offer new members \$25 off membership fees and have FCI and Brashier handle the marketing. The motion was seconded. There was an amendment to the motion to change the \$25 off to 50% off for the first year. The amendment was seconded. The motion passed as amended.

**New Business:** Pryor reported Roger Pryor was appointed to the First Steps board.

**Old Business:**

**Newsletter:** Waldrup reported the Fall Newsletter had been distributed and posted to the website. There was a discussion on the next newsletter. It was decided to send the next one out in January to promote the February Conference. Brashier will provide content. Sheldon will provide a link for resources and a Legislative Update.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney Waldrup