

South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
10:00 am – 11:00 am
Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd
22nd 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 Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Those members present were Cindy Walton-McCawley and Ed Brashier. Participating by conference call were Carolyn Watt, Nancy Pryor, Margaret Anne Gaffney, Tami Nix, Deborah Madden, Allison Cawley, Melissa Jordan, John Michael Nix and Tricia Sheldon. Present from the staff was Christine Driessen.

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

Minutes: There was a motion to accept the December 5, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Management Report: Driessen presented the management report. She stated that she has been working on preparations for the Annual Conference to be held February 3, 2018. She has also been contacting non-member licensed providers regarding potential membership. She further stated that the website has gone through a domain hosting change and the site has gone through a major update.

Membership Report: Driessen presented the membership report, stating that all final dues notices had been sent out. It was reported that Watt has referred multiple potential new members and Driessen has followed up with them to provide information on membership and be available for questions. A membership report is also included in the packet.

Financial Report: Driessen presented the December 2017 financial report. The December balance sheet reported a bank account balance of \$2,679.33. Driessen reported as of January 15, 2018 the bank account balance was \$2,326.67. The balance sheet is also included in the packet.

2018 Annual Conference: Driessen presented the 2018 Annual Conference report. She stated that at the present time DSS has registered 308 ABC Quality scholarship recipients and that several centers have begun to register paid attendees. All scholarship letters were mailed the last week of December. Driessen continues to reach out to potential sponsors and exhibitors; currently the registered exhibitors include FCI Agency (also the Lunch Sponsor), Kaplan Early Learning Company, Lakeshore Learning, and USC Shapes.

Driessen reported that CCCC had approved all sessions as submitted except for one Growth & Development session; she asked for input as to how the description and/or the content could be modified to comply with the guidelines for a Growth & Development session, and Walton-McCawley provided information on the SC Core Competencies guidelines and where to find them. Driessen will contact the presenter for this session to discuss. Driessen also reported that one presenter, Tameka T. Phillips, who was to present on the Carolina Peace Project had to cancel her participation in the conference. Walton-McCawley stated that Phillips has been a no-show when scheduled to present at previous annual conferences, and it was determined that, should she send in a proposal to present at future conferences, we should not consider accepting it. Walton-McCawley stated that she would send a proposal for an additional workshop since one was cancelled.

Driessen stated that volunteers would be needed for room proctors at the conference. Walton-McCawley committed to five volunteers from her centers, and Watt, Cawley, and John Michael Nix also committed to volunteering. Driessen asked if any board members would consider donating teal folders and/or cases of water for the conference. Walton-McCawley stated that she would donate the folders; it was decided that each board member would donate a case of water.

Legislative Report: Sheldon reported that Amanda Adler from the Committee on Children and Senator Shealy's General Committee are looking to hold a stakeholders' meeting on an upcoming Friday with hopes that members of SCAECE, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA's, United Way, Parks & Recreation, and After School Alliance will all participate. She reported that the YMCA's are shopping a "voluntary" license that meets most of what our bills are asking for, but that it's the "voluntary" nature and no oversight that causes a problem.

She reported that a children's affairs committee meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 3:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to look at bills (S794 and 805) which would create a department of children's services, the goal being to bring everything under one administration to minimize duplication of effort. Sheldon stated that both she and Thordahl plan to attend the meeting.

Sheldon stated that Thordahl and Amanda Adler have spoken to discuss wrap back and how to deal with the increased cost to SLED. It was reported that the Committee on Children is likely to call a shareholder meeting to further discuss this. Sheldon stated that Erickson does not want the cost to be passed along to providers, but that we also need to understand what the cost is. She stated if we do not get wrap back, providers will have to pay for current staff who have been with them for more than five years to have new fingerprints done and then have each staff member rechecked every five years from ongoing, the cost of which could be huge.

Sheldon affirmed that DSS Regulations have still not yet been sent to the legislature. She said that she is suspending future meetings of the Governor's Advisory Board until the regulations are sent for approval.

New Business

No new business was reported.

The next board meeting will be March 20, 2018.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Driessen