

NevAEYC Board Minutes
July 21, 2004

Members Present: Sherry Waugh, Denise Tanata, Peggy Pulver, Patti Oya, Karen Miller, Christine Matiash, Betsy Fox, Sue Turbow, Crystal Swank, Alice LeDesma

Before the meeting, members reviewed samples of logos designed by Denise's mother, Lori Sabin.

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by acting President, Patti.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer – Betsy distributed copies of the current Profit & Loss reports for the board's review. Betsy has agreed to help with the budget for next year's conference. Our current balance is \$49,428.78.

Vice-President of Professional Development – Sue presented a report to members of the proposed schedule for Professional Development. The board discussed some alternative dates, topics, and presenters. Membership materials will be available at the trainings. Fee is free for members and \$15 for non-members. Nominations - Sue will have a letter go out asking for nominations by the next board meeting. Denise mentioned that we need to coordinate the VP of Public Policy's term with the legislature to be halfway through their term and not ending during the legislative session. Sherry moved that we extend the VP of Public Policy's term for an additional year for one time only in order to match the legislative cycle for the year 2005. The motion was seconded by Patti and approved by the board.

Vice-President of Public Policy – Denise distributed the Top Ten Issues for 2000 and Beyond in Nevada as presented by the Success by Six Statewide Coalition. For the board's review, Denise presented a policy statement draft for NevAEYC Early Childhood Education and a copy of the NIC 2003 Legislative Briefing Book's Early Childhood Education policy statement. The board discussed the following topics as priorities: class size reduction in kindergarten, full day kindergarten which includes class size reduction, group size regulations, a feasibility study for universal pre-k, restoring Pre-k funding to its previous level, and compensation for professional development. Time will be allotted at the board retreat in September to discuss public policy and the upcoming legislative session. Alice extended an invitation to board members to attend the RAEYC Board's meeting with Debbie Smith on public policy, advocacy and personal lobbying. The meeting has been set for Monday, August 16th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The location has not yet been determined. Please RSVP to Alice if you plan to attend.

Membership – We currently have 421 members and 280 new members. A letter of explanation to new members is at the printers. The letter will include a member survey and website information. Crystal is working on student memberships and scholarships for members.

Conference – A \$15,000 check was received from Children’s Cabinet to cover travel expenses for people from rural areas. The board discussed ways to administer these funds. Sherry suggested a flyer be available at the rural trainings in the fall. Patti suggested that we use a reimbursement system. Betsy offered to be available to give reimbursement checks at the conference. The board suggested pulling names from a hat as a means of selection. The next conference planning meeting is August 19th from noon until 2:00 p.m. at the Children’s Cabinet.

RAEYC – Alice reported that RAEYC is planning to have 3 trainings as well as a director’s luncheon like those hosted by SNAEYC. The luncheon is scheduled for the 1st weekend of Oct. Feb. 5th is scheduled for a day of training with a motivational speaker. Their board will have a retreat at Lake Tahoe to discuss goals, etc. They currently have a great focus on fund raising; a raffle will use funds to send members to conferences. They are currently planning their awards ceremony. Ballots will be out 9/10 and are due in by 10/15. Lela Gandini will be the featured speaker. RAEYC received 3 letters of interest from NAEYC have made calls to those interested parties and placed them on committees. Alice reported that everyone has been working very hard.

SNAEYC – Christine reported 53 people attended their second director’s luncheon. Some people were interested in joining the board. There was no charge for the luncheon. SNAEYC is working to include home providers. A General membership meeting will be held on 10/2 at UNLV. Their staff will do a training on creative curriculum with centers.

President Elect – No report.

At-large members – Karen discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having a local affiliate. It is possible for at large groups to meet without benefit of being affiliates. Crystal will extend an invitation to Marilyn Howard to attend a board meeting. We are hoping she will agree to be an at-large member.

NevAEYC Website update – Crystal asked members to send her information pertinent to the website. A Professional Development page is being worked on. An email list serve is being worked on. The software for list serves is only about \$30 and we may want to invest in that. Crystal discussed the possibility of having elections on line. Crystal is checking with NAEYC to see how their database can help us. Cal will be billing us and his invoice will include his fees, domain fees, etc. Cal will be available to continue to help with the website and will train Crystal.

TEACH – Sherry reported that she had been waiting to confirm our federal 501c3 status. Karen Hughes told her that the application has not gone forward to the IRS. We have non-profit in the state of Nevada, but not nationally. Sherry didn’t want to spend time creating a proposal if we aren’t considered non-profit by the federal government. The Pilot proposal is a big undertaking with a max of \$200,000. Sue Russell has the right to redesign any programs which are submitted. Sue moved that we move forward with the

grant proposal for TEACH. It was approved by the board. Sherry and Crystal will work on the proposal.

September Board Retreat – Goals, public policy, a technical assistance piece, bylaw revisions, and TEACH are all possible topics to discuss. An evaluation progress on last year's goals should also be included. Patti will send out a draft agenda to members. Peggy will buy snacks. Any additional ideas should be sent to Patti

New Business

The bylaws revision was tabled until the next meeting.

Miscellaneous Business

New NevAEYC Logo – The board reviewed and made suggestions for changes. Denise noted the suggestions and will ask her mother to make the changes. The board asked Denise to extend their thanks to her mother for all of her work on the logo.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25th. Peggy will be unable to attend. Christine agreed to serve as acting secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pulver
Secretary