

AWTE BOARD AGENDA
Winter (rescheduled) Meeting
May 8, 2009
6:00 PM
Pine Knoll Supper Club
Lake Mills, Wisconsin

Call to Order: Trudianne Thom called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM. Members present were Jan Nelson, Jay Sierszyn (WLC Co-Host), Mel Pontious, Ted Moskonas, and Mike Lussenden

Approval of the Agenda

Reports:

Secretary/Treasurer Reports: The minutes from the 11-21-08 board meeting were approved as printed (Mike Lussenden/Jan Nelson). The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. The current balance of the checking account is \$7,206.42 (Mike Lussenden/Jan Nelson).

Constitutional Review: Editing will be updated by the Secretary.

Annual Conference Issues: The board discussed the format and future of the annual conference. There was discussion about the September 25, 2009 conference at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Exploration of alternate dates and times was discussed in relation to post 2009 conferences.

President's Report: No report.

DPI Update: The ongoing work of the Task Force is keeping *Creativity in Classroom* at the forefront of educational discussion at the state level.

Website & Newsletter: Mike is attempting to restore the www.awte.net website. Another possible communication tool for the board to explore is Constant Contact (<http://search.constantcontact.com/email-marketing/html-email-templates/email-newsletter.jsp>).

WAAE: Mike has been serving as delegate to the Wisconsin Alliance for Arts Education. This sister organization is attempting to unify the voices of arts institutions throughout the state.

Awards: It was discussed that the Immediate Past President could serve to coordinate the annual awards. The Jon Bailey Award has been a standard award. The board discussed the possibility of expanding awards to include up and coming theatre educators and theatre arts advocates.

Milwaukee County High School Theatre Workshop Day: \$200 was sent by AWTE to the UW-Milwaukee Theatre Department to support the luncheon of the workshop day.

Old Business

The board discussed the mission of AWTE and concluded that currently the organization is designed to host an annual conference, maintain networks between theatre educators, continue support for theatre educators, and foster support for future theatre educators.

New Business

Jan moved to hold the next meeting at Wisconsin Lutheran College on June 12, 2009 and provide a tour of the conference facilities at 5 PM and a meeting at 6 PM (second Ted Moskonas). The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Ted Moskonas moved (second Jan Nelson) to adjourn at 8:07 PM. The motion passed unanimously.