

Missouri Association on Higher Education and Disability

Board Meeting

October 22, 2009

Present: Sharon Depperschmidt, Sue Matthews, Karen Blessman, Jennifer Argo, Kim Fernandes, Tabitha Haynes, Amy Frieling

Absent: Maureen Ottenlips, Julie Bunch, Jan Eudaley

- **Budget – Amy Frieling**
 - Currently, there is \$11,339.42 in the account
 - Amy, Sharon, Tabitha and Kim are going to the bank after the meeting to make the following changes on the account:
 - Remove Amy, Adam and Jan
 - Add Sharon, Kim and Tabitha
 - Get new debit card with Sharon's name

- **Website Updates – Tabitha Haynes**
 - Guidebook update was tabled for future discussion
 - Board Members page has been updated with new officers
 - Membership page has been updated with Sharon's information
 - Membership application has been updated with Sharon's information and new officers
 - Guidebook was put into PDF version and will be added to the website
 - Tabitha mentioned the possibility of looking into a different web hosting company that offers more features. A cost comparison will be done to see what the price difference would be and if it is worth it.
 - During the meeting, Tabitha called myhosting.com to see if any of their plans offered a listserv option – they do not.
 - The myhosting.com representative mentioned a non-profit hosting option that is free. Tabitha will apply for this.
 - We had a discussion about how slow the listserv has been lately. Some mentioned that they have not been receiving messages that others had sent to the list. Tabitha will contact Lee Henson to see if there have been any problems with the listserv that may be causing it to not send messages.
 - Tabitha will create a Facebook page and Twitter account for MO-AHEAD.

- **Subcommittees**
 - Kim asked if we needed to keep the committees, keep them as they are, or revise them.
 - Jennifer reported that it was easier for her when there was a committee that could submit articles for the newsletter.
 - It was discussed that we could keep the committees so that the Chairs could remain as board members (as stated in the bylaws)
 - It was suggested that we try to get the general membership involved in the committees

- It was suggested that committees need to be well defined so that the members know what they are committing to. The chairs will write up the purpose, and expected involvement for each committee.
- The Committee page on the web site will be deleted and replaced later as committees are defined and active
- The committees will be as follows:
 - Programs – Maureen (Any event hosted by MO-AHEAD – Tall Oaks, in person or audio conferences, mentorship program, etc.
 - Newsletter – Jennifer
 - Transition – Sue and Julie
 - Guidebook – Tabitha
 - Bylaws – Kim
 - Secondary Outreach – Karen (this committee was added on this date)
- **Jane Jarrow Audio Conferences**
 - Amy reported that as of this date, no one had registered for the audio conferences
 - Sue said that her school sent in their registration a couple of weeks ago and Kim said her school was going to register as a district
 - Amy will divide the member list and send it to board members so that we can contact people individually by email to remind them about the conferences.
 - We may consider offering a future registration date for the February conference
 - Tabitha will resend the flyer and registration form to the listserv as a reminder
- **Transition Training Updates**
 - A transition training is scheduled for February 11, 2010 in St. Louis
 - Missouri Southern wants to host a training
 - Sharon will explore funding options in her area and possibly schedule a future training
 - Sue shared that a couple of school districts in St. Louis are going to send some of their students to St. Louis Community College for a 19 week transition training program, Sue will teach the transition section; Kim mentioned that MCKC has a similar program.
 - Board members who have contacts in the school districts with Special Education directors will contact them regarding transition trainings; Sue will create a flyer to email to them.
 - Karen will research the options for offering CEUs.
- **Mentorship Program / New DS Audio Conferences**
 - Kim will mention mentorship program in next newsletter and send to list letting people know it's available
- **MO-AHEAD Award**
 - This discussion was tabled while we work on increasing membership and getting them to be active
- **Bylaws**
 - Kim will work with the committee to review bylaws

- **Miscellaneous**

- Karen Blessman is going to be off of the board in May so we need to start approaching other secondary people to fill that vacancy.
- Sue and Kim will do a trial run of Elluminate to see if it will work for future web meetings
- There was discussion of allowing secondary individuals to become members of MO-AHEAD as a way to learn more about what will be necessary for transition. There was discussion for and against the idea. Since there were board members absent, we decided to wait to make a decision until we could get input from everyone and ask the general membership for input.

NEXT MO-AHEAD BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 10, 2010, 10:00AM – 12:00pm VIA PHONE/WEB CONFERENCE