

Business Professionals of America
Ohio Association Executive Board Meeting
June 4, 2010

Call to Order/ Introductions

In the absence of President Sarah Crist, Vice President Logan Krivak called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

Attendance

CEAC Representatives: All regions except Regions 2, 8, and 11 were represented.

State Officers: Logan Krivak, Jerron Taylor, Jake Powell, and Jordan Wilcox

State Staff: Rick Mangini, Barbara Trent, Ruth Ann Falconer, and Brittany Paulus

Guest: ACTE Representative, Nenna Davis

Additional Agenda Items

- Chapter of the Month
- Redistribution of Regions
- Regional By-Laws

Approval of Reports

Secretary Jerron Taylor moved that the December 2009 minutes be approved. Seconded by Jordan Wilcox; motion approved.

Treasurer Jake Powell moved to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Jerron Taylor, motion approved.

Jake Powell moved the approval of the FY 2011 Budget. Seconded by Christie Leis; motion approved.

State Officer Reports

Historian Jordan Wilcox reported that current membership includes 8,308 students and 395 advisors, for a total of **8,703** members.

As of the end of the State Leadership Conference, Ohio Association members have contributed a total of \$13,696.68 to Special Olympics. Contributions made after SLC should be reported for next year's contributions. Region 7 won the traveling trophy for the highest contribution by a region. Our membership reported 411 contribution hours, but in reality the total is most likely much higher because many chapters reported monetary contribution only –not number of hours that members volunteered. We need to stress this aspect for next year's reporting.

Sara Mazak Scholarship

Mr. Mangini moved to add a Sara Mazak memorial scholarship to the existing Ohio BPA scholarship program. The scholarship will be sponsored by the Ohio IT works Business Advisory Council. Motion seconded by Norvell Crandall; motion passed.

Mr. Mangini provided background information about Sara Mazak and her involvement with BPA. She recently passed away and the scholarship will be established in her memory. She was the IT curriculum supervisor, and this scholarship should be offered exclusively to IT students. This will be an additional scholarship to the four BPA existing scholarships. The Sara Mazak scholarship will be funded by contributions from ItWORKS.OHIO and from Ms. Mazak's family, friends, and former colleagues.

Fall Leadership Conference

Ms. Trent reported that Focus Group has been contracted to provide six leadership workshops at the 2010 Fall Leadership Conference. The *Human Machine* workshop is the only repeat from 2009 FLC. This was the highest-rated workshop last year. Along with Focus Group, the state officer team plans to offer a workshop. Suggestions for additional workshop topics or presenters should be forwarded to Ms. Trent.

Ms. Paulus suggested that during *Meet the Candidates*, we allow 20 minutes strictly for voting delegates to visit, followed by 20 minutes for all BPA members. Candidates' advisors should be with them throughout *Meet the Candidates* to ensure that only appropriate questions are being asked.

Roberta Phillips moved that for the 2010 FLC, the 25 pins be narrowed to 5 during voting and that current officers then choose the winning pin design. The result will be announced at closing general session. Motion seconded by Rebecca Landon. Motion approved.

State Leadership Conference

Concern was expressed about the value of the current opening session format. Jordan Wilcox requested input on about what should be included in a good opening session. A keynote speaker suggestion would be an added expense, but it could add interest to the session. Roberta Phillips suggested that it should be like a pep rally and include the NLC preview to show students what they can look forward to if they do well in their contests. Another suggestion was to include a parade of regions with each region designing its own flag. Honoring the top 10 torch award winners on stage was also offered as a suggestion. Ms. Trent will review the suggestions and work with the 2010-2011 officer team to redefine the opening session format.

The 2011 Grand Awards Ceremony will be at Grove City Church of the Nazarene rather than at Veterans Memorial. This is a result of a scheduling error by Vets, not by state staff.

Board members indicated that the distribution of torch award certificates was poorly handled and that the quality of the certificates was unsatisfactory. Ms. Trent will convey concern about certificate quality to national BPA. The Torch Awards Presentation ceremony will be reviewed by the next officer team to provide an appropriate ceremony.

Mr. Mangini suggested that a letter be sent to all SLC registered advisors to clarify dress code and procedures to be followed if a student is inappropriately attired for contests or for the awards ceremony. The dress code will also be addressed at next year's opening session.

Advisors suggested that when points are deducted, the graded tests should have a notification of why points were deducted.

Ohio Association Calendar

Jake Powell moved the approval of the 2010-2011 calendar. Dawn Thompson second, motion passed.

New Business Items

Dawn Thompson nominated Maureen Martin as Executive Board Chair. Seconded by Mary Ellen Swinger, motion passed. Maureen will serve as chair beginning with the September 2010 CEAC meeting.

Jerron Taylor suggested that we implement a Chapter of the Month recognition. The state officers would select a chapter during each officer training meeting to recognize on the official Ohio BPA website. A committee comprised of Dawn Thompson, Dustin Lowry, Lee Link, and Jerron Taylor will work to establish the guidelines.

Redistribution of Chapters

Roberta Phillips moved that the Board actively study the redistribution of regions. Motion seconded by Jordan Wilcox; motion approved. Concern was expressed about the size of some of the larger chapters. Consideration should be given to the following.

- Competition within larger regions makes it difficult to get all most qualified candidates to state.
- Should redistribution be based on population?
- Ohio Association By-Laws provide for schools to move from one region to another if both regions sign-off on the move.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24p.m.