

**National Association of Economic Educators
Executive Committee**

**Meeting Minutes*
Las Vegas, NV – March 8, 2009**

Executive Committee members present: Paul Grimes, Sue Lynn Sasser, Helen Meyers, Jan Mester, Glenn Blankenship, Pam Smith, Helen Roberts

Members absent: Jim Dick, Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz

- I. Approval of February 9, 2009 minutes Paul Grimes
 - A. *Motion to approve*
 - 1. *Helen Meyers – moved*
 - 2. *Sue Lynn Sasser – seconded*
 - B. *Vote on motion: passed*

- II. Review of NAEE Spring Conference Agenda Jan Mester
 - A. *Motion to recognize Jim Jozefowicz and Jan Mester for their work with the Professional Development Committee to organize the Las Vegas Conference*
 - 1. *Sue Lynn Sasser – moved*
 - 2. *Helen Meyers – seconded*
 - B. *Vote on motion: passed*

- III. Welcome to Glenn Blankenship, Georgia Council Paul Grimes
 - A. Accepted the interim Executive Committee position that had been filled by Abbejean Kehler
 - B. To serve in interim until formal network elections for this position are conducted as part of regular election cycle in Fall 2009

- IV. Update from Treasurer Helen Roberts
 - A. Helen Roberts reported deposits of \$17,200 and a balance of \$19,000
 - B. 42 registrations for the NAEE Spring Professional Development Conference were received
 - C. NAEE is ahead on memberships and receipts relative to estimated budget projections
 - D. The 2008 contribution of \$7500 by the Council on Economic Education (CEE) to NAEE has been received

- V. Recognition of Abbejean Kehler Paul Grimes
 - A. A memorial contribution of \$250 for Abbe Kehler from NAEE will be sent to the Ohio Council on Economic Education
 - B. Executive Committee agrees that in general it is appropriate to acknowledge deceased members of our network
 - C. Discussion followed on how in particular to recognize Kehler's contributions to the economic education network
 - 1. An evening to celebrate and share Kehler stories at the fall CEE/NAEE/GATE conference and to begin a tradition of recognizing NAEE member(s) who have died during a past year...Executive Committee members ultimately decided such events would be better

coordinated informally by individuals rather than as formal events sponsored by NAEF

2. Instituting a technology award in Kehler's name
 - a. Executive Committee agreed about whom the recipient of the first technology award should be
 - b. A plaque will be given to the technology award recipient after the NAEF Business meeting at the same time as the Phil Saunders research paper award
 - c. **Sue Lynn Sasser volunteered to work on criteria for future technology awards

- VI. NAEF Mini-Grants Paul Grimes
- A. Submissions for the mini-grants were reviewed
 - B. Grant applications from Louisiana, Alabama, Wisconsin and Massachusetts were approved; applications from Georgia, Iowa and Kansas were denied
 - C. The grants to the applicants receiving funding will total \$2,000
 - D. *Motion to approve the selection of winning applicants*
 1. *Helen Meyers – moved*
 2. *Paul Grimes – seconded*
 3. *Vote on motion: passed*
 - E. Too few qualified applications were received
 1. Discussion followed about an appropriate use of the \$1,000 funding not allocated to the mini-grants
 2. Executive Committee agreed to fund Sasser, Grimes and Meyers to travel to meet with with Bob Duvall and Joe Peri to address recent CEE/network issues
 3. **Grimes will fine tune the description of the criteria for the NAEF Mini-Grant awards for the future
 - a. Applicants must be members in good standing with NAEF by the first of the year for which they are applying
 - b. Award proposals should be posted on NAEF.net
 - c. The opportunity to submit a proposal should be promoted at the NAEF Business meeting in Washington, D. C.
- VII. Encouraging growth of new NAEF members Paul Grimes
- A. The process for joining the NAEF network should be clearly presented in a packet for new Council and Center personnel attending the pre-conference session for new network people
 - B. Designating first-time national conference attendees and new NAEF members may be helpful
 1. Executive Committee members indicated that they believed new NAEF members should be acknowledged at the NAEF General Membership business meeting
 2. **Gwen Pajotte will be asked to share registrations from new Council and Center people with NAEF
- VIII. Preparing a strategy for meeting with Bob Duvall and Joe Peri Paul Grimes
- A. Review of recent CEE/network issues
 - B. Focus on topics related to better communications within the network
- IX. No old business Paul Grimes

X. No new Business

Paul Grimes

XI. Adjournment: Executive Committee adjourned in preparation for the start of the NAEE Spring Professional Development meeting

* Minutes recorded by Jan Mester on behalf of Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz

** Indicates action needed prior to next meeting/conference call