

**NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
First Quarter Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2010**

1. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

All NCCA Board of Directors, Area Presidents, and the general public having been duly notified the first quarter meeting of the NCCA Board of Directors was held February 22, 2010, at Southeast Community College's Continuing Education Center in Lincoln. President Merlyn Gramberg stated that a public meeting notice was published in the Lincoln Journal Star. He also stated that the rules for the Nebraska Public Meeting Laws were available for public viewing. The public meeting notice is attached to these minutes.

2. ATTENDANCE

Directors Present:

President Merlyn Gramberg – Western Nebraska
Vice President Diane Keller – Central
Secretary Roger Wilson – Mid-Plains
Treasurer Don Oelsigle – Northeast
Sandra Borden – Central
Robert Feit – Southeast
Tom Perkins – Western Nebraska
Larry Poessnecker – Northeast
Lynn Schluckebier – Southeast

Directors Absent:

Jane Hornung – Mid-Plains

Staff Present:

Dennis Baack – Executive Director
Melanie Williams- Administrative Assistant

Also present: Dr. Greg Smith – Central, Dr. Michael Chipps – Mid-Plains, Dr. Jack Huck – Southeast, and Dr. Eileen Ely and William Knapper – Western Nebraska.

3. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

President Gramberg called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and asked for roll call and quorum determination. Present and responding were nine board members representing their respective area governing boards. It was determined that a quorum as present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Gramberg asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none.

MOTION BY ROBERT FEIT AND SECOND BY DON OELSLIGLE that the NCCA Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented.

President Gramberg asked for any objections or discussion. There were none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Borden, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poesnecker, Schluckebier, Wilson

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Hornung

RESULT: Motion carried nine (9) ayes, no nays, and one (1) absent.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Gramberg asked for any corrections to the January 25, 2010, meeting minutes. There were none.

MOTION BY TOM PERKINS AND SECOND BY SANDRA BORDEN that the NCCA Board of Directors approve the January 25, 2010, meeting minutes as presented.

President Gramberg asked for any discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Borden, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poesnecker, Schluckebier, Wilson

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Hornung

RESULT: Motion carried nine (9) ayes, no nays, and one (1) absent.

6. TEAM 1 / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Baack began by stating that he felt the meeting held in January was very informative and asked the Board if this was something they would like to continue. The Board concurred and stated they would like to continue this.

Baack stated that he had recently met with Senator Adams and a resolution between the Association and Metro is still not in the foreseeable future. After this meeting, Senator Adams was leaning towards introducing LB 1072 with just a couple of changes: redefining tuition and fees, and giving the Coordination Commission more authority. Keigher, lobbyist for the Association, is currently at the Capitol waiting to receive word from Senator Adams as to what direction he would like the hearing to be conducted. Baack continued to state that Senator Adams also mentioned that he would like the community college funding formula to be similar to the K-12 funding formula with the submission of General Fund Operating Expenditures which would give a detailed review of how the colleges spend their funds. These forms allowed the Legislature to identify other factors such as scarcity and poverty to be used in the computation of the K-12 formula. Metro has had the argument that they are unique and these forms could prove that argument. Baack then stated that with this new information, a new formula could be drafted in the fall but equalization will still be a major factor in the drafting of a new formula and Metro has had a problem with the principle of equalization.

Perkins discussed a conversation he had regarding Metro's claim that they 'own' all of the sales tax that is collected in their area. He suggested that if data is available, we should request the breakdown of sales tax paid by their actual constituents and the amount of sales tax paid by individuals out of their four county area. This information could be used to show that a large portion of the amount of sales tax collected is actually collected from non-residents. Baack replied that he does not know if that data is available but he could look into it.

Borden then stated that the concept of equalization is different for every person or area and the Legislature should be the one defining it. Baack stated that they do have a definition of equalization in the formula and it is 'providing a service to all Nebraskans for a relatively constant cost on the local level'.

Wilson asked if only minor changes are made this year, what will happen next year. Baack replied that more work will be done on a possible resolution in the interim for introduction next session. He went on to discuss local control and his opinion of becoming a state entity if the State was in better economic times. Discussion was then had regarding other states that have taken control of their community colleges and the outcome of that decision. Baack then discussed Metro's argument that they have a high number of poverty students and the inability of the colleges to actually determine that number at this time unless the student has applied for financial aid.

Baack informed the Board that Senator Adams and Senator Flood would like to meet with them at the conclusion of the board meeting.

Baack then distributed a listing of the 2010 Senator priority bills to the Board. He then informed the Board that LB 716 has moved out of committee and onto the

legislative floor for first round debate. LB 716 would not allow a community college board member to serve on any other elected board or office.

Copies of the testimony of the individuals who will be testifying at the hearing were distributed to the Board and reviewed by everyone.

7. COUNCIL OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Dr. Smith stated that the CEO's had met on February 5 and some of the items discussed were: LB 1072, the lawsuit filed against the colleges regarding resident tuition for undocumented students, Richard Baier from the Department of Economic Development discussed the Nebraska Advantage Program, and the development of a schedule for the Education Committee hearing. Dr. Smith and Dr. Huck both reviewed a conversation Dr. Huck had with Schmailzl regarding Metro's offering of half price tuition for on-line courses in the five community college areas.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Oelsligle reviewed the financial statements with the Board and asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Baack stated that Tim Keigher, the new lobbyist for the Association, is doing a great job and has been a real asset to the Association.

10. ACCT STATE COORDINATOR REPORT

Oelsligle discussed the topic of one meeting at NLS regarding the question of how some states could form an association for all of their community colleges. He then discussed his idea of possibly having different levels of membership in the Association rather than losing the Association. Oelsligle then stated that he did distribute the 'green sheet' provided by ACCT to each delegate office.

A break was taken from 10:10 a.m. until 10:25.

11. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments or concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Dr. Merlyn Gramberg, President

Roger Wilson, Secretary