

**NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
First Quarter Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2011**

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 March 7, 2011, at Southeast Community College in Beatrice. President Keller stated that a public meeting notice was published in the Lincoln Journal Star. She 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 Diane Keller – Central
Secretary Don Oelsigle – Northeast
Treasurer Robert Feit – Southeast
Sandra Borden – Central
Steve Brock – Metropolitan
Merlyn Gramberg – Western Nebraska
Ernie Mehl – Mid-Plains
Kent Miller – Mid-Plains
David Newell – Metropolitan
Tom Perkins – Western Nebraska
Larry Poessnecker – Northeast
Lynn Schluckebier – Southeast

Staff Present:

Dennis Baack – Executive Director
Melanie Williams – Administrative Assistant

Also present: Dr. Greg Smith – Central, Randy Schmailzl – Metropolitan, Dr. Michael Chipps – Mid-Plains, and Dr. Jack Huck – Southeast.

3. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

President Keller called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. and asked for roll call and quorum determination. Present and responding were twelve board members representing their respective area governing boards. It was determined that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION BY TOM PERKINS AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented.

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

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Borden, Brock, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Mehl, Miller, Newell, Oelsigle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried twelve (12) ayes and no nays.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Keller asked for any corrections or additions to the January 24, 2011, meeting minutes. There were none.

MOTION BY ROBERT FEIT AND SECOND BY MERLYN GRAMBERG that the NCCA Board of Directors approve the January 24, 2011, meeting minutes as presented.

President Keller asked for any discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Borden, Brock, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Mehl, Miller, Newell, Oelsigle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried twelve (12) ayes and no nays.

6. RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

Oelsligle stated that the reasoning behind the resolution was to address some of the issues other area colleges had voiced and to possibly resolve those issues. This resolution was initially introduced at the fourth quarter board meeting.

Feit stated that the Southeast board had reviewed Northeast's resolution and made some changes. They deleted numbers five, eight, nine, and ten from the original resolution and also altered number four to delete 'other than matters involving legislation before the Nebraska Legislature'.

Discussion was then had on how voting should be taken on the resolutions. Feit then made the suggestion that the resolutions be tabled until the next board meeting so that each board member would have the opportunity to take them back to their respective boards for discussion.

MOTION BY DAVID NEWELL AND SECOND BY STEVE BROCK to table the Northeast resolution, Metropolitan resolution, and Southeast amendment until the second quarter board meeting.

President Keller asked for any further discussion. There were none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Borden, Brock, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Mehl, Miller, Newell, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried twelve (12) ayes and no nays.

7. BY-LAW AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Poessnecker stated that the Whistleblower policy was approved by the By-Law and Policy Committee in October and distributed at the fourth quarter board meeting for review prior to approval at the first quarter meeting. This policy was suggested by the Association auditors in the 2009 financial audit.

MOTION BY DAVID NEWELL AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors approve policy 4011 – Whistleblower Policy.

President Keller asked for any further discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Borden, Brock, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Mehl, Miller, Newell, Oelsigle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried twelve ayes (12) and no nays.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Keller stated that the Board does not currently have an individual in the position of Vice President and asked for any comments from the Board.

MOTION BY TOM PERKINS AND SECOND BY ROBERT FEIT that the NCCA Board of Directors suspend policy 3003 and keep the rotation schedule as it currently is and appoint Kent Miller to the office of Vice President.

President Keller asked for discussion. Miller stated that he had previously served on the Board until Hornung took over approximately ten years ago. He had served in the position of President twice and is willing to serve in the position of Vice President now. Newell stated that Miller is experienced but he does not see any great need to elevate him above the normal procedures. Oelsigle stated that he does not have any objections to Miller assuming that responsibility. Borden asked if Miller was not allowed to move into the office, what would be the rotation schedule. President Keller stated that Northeast and Southeast would slide up in the rotation and Mid-Plains or Metro would then fall back to the position of Treasurer. Baack stated that traditionally when a situation like this occurs, the area not able to fulfill the position of Vice President has fallen back to the position of Treasurer.

Feit made the suggestion that this policy be changed to delete the reference to two years current experience and replaced with just two years experience. He then suggested that this be addressed at the second quarter board meeting.

Newell stated that the reason for two years experience is so that the individual knows what has been going on in the Association for those two years. He then stated that if Metro does stay in the Association, they would like the opportunity to get back on the rotation schedule. Newell stated that he wanted to make it clear that it is not about

Miller but rather the policy and the rationale for it that he thinks the Board should follow the policy.

Borden stated that she agrees with Newell and the two current years experience requirement. Brock stated that he generally follows policy because that is why it is in place.

President Keller asked for any further discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Feit, Gramberg, Mehl, Miller, Oelsligle, Perkins

Voting Nay: Borden, Brock, Keller, Newell, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

RESULT: Motion failed six (6) ayes and six (6) nays.

MOTION BY ROBERT FEIT AND SECOND BY TOM PERKINS that the NCCA Board of Directors table the election of officers until the second quarter board meeting so that a review of the policy can be done.

Newell stated that he would be voting against this motion due to the need for consistency within the Board.

President Keller stated that a motion to table is not debatable.

Feit withdrew his motion and Perkins agreed. Feit stated that he would like a policy review at the second quarter meeting.

Baack stated that if the Board would like to follow tradition, Mid-Plains would move down to the office of Treasurer, Northeast would move to Vice President, and Southeast would move to Secretary.

MOTION BY DAVID NEWELL AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors approve a rotation schedule of President – Central, Vice President – Northeast, Secretary – Southeast, and Treasurer – Mid-Plains.

President Keller asked for any discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Borden, Brock, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Mehl, Miller, Newell, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried twelve (12) ayes and no nays.

Mehl and Miller will decide who will serve in the position and inform the Board at the second quarter board meeting.

9. APPOINT ACCT STATE COORDINATOR ALTERNATE

Newell stated that Grabowski from Metro is interested in the position. Feit stated that the ACCT State Coordinator does not have to be a member of the NCCA Board but would be required to provide reports to the Board. Oelsligle stated it would be beneficial to make it a requirement that the individual be a member of the Board for informational purposes.

MOTION BY DAVID NEWELL AND SECOND BY STEVE BROCK that the NCCA Board of Directors table the appointment of a ACCT State Coordinator Alternate until the second quarter meeting.

Newell stated that his rationale for this is due to the possibility that Metro may not be a member of the Association. Feit stated that the position does not need to be filled until the October conference.

President Keller asked for any further discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Aye: Borden, Brock, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Mehl, Miller, Newell, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

Voting Nay: None

RESULT: Motion carried twelve (12) ayes and no nays.

10. TEAM 1/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Baack stated that LB 59 was passed and signed by the Governor. He then stated that a hearing was recently had before the Appropriations Committee which went very well. Another issue still being discussed is the future of the CIR and negotiations are still being had.

Newell asked if any more discussion has been had regarding the funding formula. Baack replied that the Legislature has not had any more discussion however the CEO's will be meeting soon and Senator Adams will be attending that meeting.

11. COUNCIL OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Dr. Smith gave a brief report on the meetings recently had by the Council. He then stated that eight full-day meetings have been set-up from now until August so that work can be continued on the development of the funding formula.

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

Feit reviewed the financial statements with the Board. Baack did state that the 2010 financial audit has been completed and will be brought before the Board soon.

13. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT UPDATE

President Keller reviewed the new committee assignments with the Board and stated that the update is due to two new Board members.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Baack informed the Board that the Association office has now switched to direct deposit for payroll per the suggestion of the auditors. He then stated that the Governor has appointed him to the NET Commission and his confirmation hearing will take place in a week.

Brock stated his displeasure with not being notified that he was not selected to represent the community colleges on the NET Commission. Baack replied that he would pass that on to the Governor's office.

President Keller asked what boards Baack serves on. Baack stated that he would compile a list and send it to the Board.

15. ACCT STATE COORDINATOR REPORT

Oelsligle stated the AACC annual convention will be in New Orleans on April 9-12 and the ACCT annual convention will be October 12-15 in Dallas. He then gave an overview of the Coordinator Meeting which was held during the recent National Legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C.

Oelsligle then stated that an individual from ACCT will be coming to Nebraska to do two Board Training seminars. The dates and locations are April 28 in Norfolk and April 29 in North Platte. He encouraged everyone to attend.

16. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

President Keller asked for any comments or concerns from the Board. Baack asked the Board for their opinion on sending meeting information packets via email. Newell and Oelsligle stated that they would still like the information sent via mail. Hard copies will still be provided at the board meeting.

Feit suggested that due to the cost of the Nebraska breakfast in Washington, D.C., if everyone would be interested in meeting in another dining location. Oelsligle suggested that it didn't have to be during a meal and perhaps a room could just be reserved.

President Keller asked that a summary be compiled as to how many votes are needed for by-law and policy changes. Gramberg stated that it is time for the Strategic Plan to be reviewed and changed if needed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Diane Keller, President

Don Oelsligle, Secretary

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