Two-Year Community College Section of NABT  
Minutes from the 2009 Business Meeting  
Denver, Colorado  
November 13th, 2009

Minutes prepared by Nilo Marin, TYCC Section Secretary.

I. Call to Order
Past Chair Dee Millard introduced and thanked Chair-elect Carol Schutte for stepping in and taking over the duties of chair for the Denver convention. Carol was acknowledged for the hard work and efficiency in organizing the TYCC reception, contacting the sponsors and having a speaker. Carol, as acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and acknowledged the TYCC Breakfast sponsor – John Wiley and Sons Publishing and their representatives, Lucy Parkinson and Kristy Ruff.

II. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the 2008 business meeting in Memphis, Tennessee was moved to be accepted as is by Dennis Gathmann and seconded by Don Emmeluth. The motion to accept carried by acclamation.

III. Chairperson’s Report
A. Sponsor List
   - Carol Schutte thanked the following sponsors for the TYCC events:
     • TYCC Breakfast: Lisa Vecchio – Marketing Coordinator of John Wiley & Sons Publishers (lvecchio@wiley.com)
     • TYCC Reception: Peter and Linda Jeschonig of LABPAQ and their representative Anne Matchett.
     • TYCC Reception speaker: Tamara Maury, Marketing Manager of McGraw-Hill Higher Education (Tamara_Maury@mcgraw-hill.com) for sponsoring the speaker.
     • Pledged continued support:
       o W.H. Freeman Publishing Company
       o Pearson Publishing

B. New Members:
   Carol asked whether there were any new members to the TYCC. Four new members acknowledged their presence via raised hands.

C. TYCC Dinner and Scheduling
   • There was no TYCC dinner for the Denver Convention.
   • TYCC dinner for Minneapolis Convention to be held at a Minneapolis Community College not far from the Hyatt Hotel where the convention is being held.
   • Scheduling of the TYCC dinner and TYCC reception continue to be problematic. Carol will be in close contact with NABT to coordinate a schedule that minimizes overlaps with other events.
   • It was noted that there was no food at the opening of the exhibit hall.
D. Future Meetings
2010  Minneapolis, Minnesota
2011  Anaheim, California
2012  Dallas, Texas
2013  Atlanta, Georgia

IV Board Report by Dan Ward

Dan Ward is currently president-elect and will be President for the NABT Anaheim Convention. Dan informed the group that Todd Carter is presently the Acting Director for NABT and will be replaced by an Interim Director within the next few months. The position will then be advertised.

Dennis Gathmann shared that many NABT’ers were asking where the NABT store was. He informed that it was in the basement still boxed up due to cut backs and the austerity program presently in effect. He advised that if anyone wants to see the NABT store back they should let the NABT office and the Board know.

The suggestion was made to have an on-line NABT store.

Carol Schutte shared that the two-year group’s membership had in the past been around 13% but that as of October 2009, membership was at 19% of NABT members. Jaclyn Reeves-Pepin, Associate Executive Director of NABT, acknowledge that two-year group as the fastest growing group of NABT.

V. Old business

A. Awards Selection Committee

No two-year outstanding teacher award was given this year (for the first time). Two names were submitted but no applications were received. Members are strongly encouraged to submit names for consideration. McGraw-Hill Higher Education will sponsor the award.

B. Logo Design

Nilo Marin presented several logos at the two-year reception. The three below were the top three choices of the members. These are presented as drafts from which one will be chosen.

C. Two-year Webpage

Susan Finazzo offered to have her son Brian help with managing the website. Dan Ward is president elect for Anaheim and will have less time updating the website. Jonathan Lochamy (jonathan.lochamy@gpc.edu) of Georgia Perimeter College will work with Dan on updating the website and take over management of the site. Dan Ward voiced that the website is only as good as what input the site manager gets from participants/members.

As requested in the past, members are asked to visit the site regularly, make suggestions, send in material for the site, and check the email list for accuracy.
It was recommended that a draft form of the minutes be posted on the website within a month of the meeting or ASAP.

D. Past Chairs Plaques
Two members present, Dan Ward and Susan Finazzo, had received a plaque in honor of their service as chairs of the TYCC. Eight past chairs present had not received a plaque. They are Betsy Ott, Terry Hamilton, Jerry Hinkley, Pam Clarke, Pam Tabery, Dan Ward, Don Emmeluth, Dennis Gathmann.
A discussion on supplying plaques to past chairs ensued. The question of cost was posed and the suggestion to provide a certificate of appreciation and a donation in the chairs name be made for recognition. Other suggestions:
  • Don Emmeluth, as the oldest living chair present, suggested buying the old timers a drink as recognition and appreciation. Betsy Ott suggested it be done at the open bar.
  • One larger plaque with the NABT and two-year logos, gavel, etc. with space below for plates with chair names, place and year of service. The plaque could be reside with the current chair and rotate accordingly.
  • A virtual plaque on the website.

E. Two-Year/Four-Year Articulation Committee Report – Dan Ward
A meeting with the Four-year group was to meet later in the day. Members identified as attending included Dan Ward and Pam Tabery.
An update of this meeting will follow.

VI New Business
  • Bernie Marcus (bmarcus@twcny.rr.com) announced, with apologies to our sponsors, that he is editing a series of books on Ecosystems and Biomes with Jones and Bartlett Publishing and invited any one interested in participating in the project to contact him.
  • Jaclyn Reeves-Pepin, Associate Executive Director, was introduced. Jaclyn informed the members that the two-year group was the fastest growing section of NABT and that quite a few new initiatives were in progress. Jaclyn asked the group to stay engaged and announced that she would be in need of volunteers. She commented on the good work done at this convention with kudos to Carol Schutte. This last comment was met with much applause.
  • Susan Musante announced a partnership between NABT and AIBS (American Institute of Biological Sciences) that seeks to provide and enrich resources for the two-year biology teacher. They are conducting a survey researching students’ perception of biology. The partnership recognizes the importance of the two-year college in teaching introductory biology and would like to continue the conversation with the two-year group with an invitation to participate. The goal of the group is to engage students in the process of science and incorporate Evolution as an important concept in introductory biology. Susan welcomed our future involvement and offered to send information via the list-serve generated at the meeting and/or through contact with Jaclyn Reeves-Pepin, Associate Executive Director-NABT.
VII Election of Officers
A. Secretary
   Betsy Ott was nominated by Dee Millard. Jerry Hinkley closed the nomination, Terry Hamilton seconded and Betsy Ott was voted in as Secretary by acclamation.
B. Chair Elect
   Nilo Marin was nominated as Chair elect by Dennis Gathmann, seconded and acclaimed.
C. Chair
   Carol Schutte was nominated by Dan Ward, seconded by Pam Tabery. Carol was elected Chair of the Two-Year Section by acclamation.

VIII Volunteers for Committees
A. Awards Committee (Secretary is Chair)
   Chair Betsy Ott. Members are Susan Finazzo, Dan Ward, and Pam Clarke.
B. Nominating Committee
   Members are Nilo Marin and Dee Millard.
C. Two-Year/Four-Year Articulation Committee
   Members are Amy Wangeline of Laramie County Community College, Mary Phillips of Tulsa Community College and Pam Tabery.

IX For the good of the Order
   Rachel from John Wiley & Sons Publishing thanked those in attendance and stated how much they enjoy sponsoring our group. Carol Schutte, as chair for the Minneapolis convention, passed the gavel on to herself.

X Adjournment
   Carol Schutte motioned that the meeting be adjourned, everybody seconded, and by acclamation the meeting adjourned at 8:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nilo Marin