TAER Business Meeting

3/29/14

Meeting called to order: 11:53

Minutes read and approved

Motioned: Kelly Marts; 2nd:Cyral Miller

Minutes approved

Committee Reports

Membership: 338 members; 10 new members; 3 renewals

Christy will submit new renewals to AER office to see if Texas won membership contest

Vendors: 13 vendors

Ways and Means:

* AER registration Raffle: $520
* Silent auction: $1099.00
* Scholarships:

Treasurer’s Report: as of February 28, 2014

* Checking account balance: $104,368.01
* Business Investment Account: $ 7749.40
* Total: $112,117.41
* Profit on 2013’s conference: $9852.83
* Host night: AER will give us $5000, the rest will be up to TAER to supply

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report: Debbie Louder; 2nd: Kate Moss

Motion approved

Old Business

None

New Business

* AER Host Night: Saturday August 2nd
  + Committee has decided to use hotel “Lonesome Dove” and will begin looking at food items
  + O&M instructor will teach line dancing
  + DJ will be available
  + 70 people have volunteered to help: There are multiple committees that need help
* KC Dignon: talked about “Bring your Boss to Work” initiative for ALL VI professionals to be eligible for TAER registration. This would be open to all VI professional not just   
  AER members.
* Debbie Louder discussed changing the time of the business meeting so that more people may attend
  + Maybe attach it to president’s reception
  + Maybe give ACVREP credits
  + Maybe during conference session tied to a break
    - Talk about “issues” session
* Ruth Ann Marsh discussed concerns over 3rd party agencies that are hiring COMS and TVI to do contract work for school districts across the country. There are more school districts looking to use this instead of full time employment
  + Ruth Ann Marsh made a motion: for the TAER board to look into 3rd party providers—for TAER to take the initiate how this can be addressed through all stakeholders: For TAER to appoint a committee to develop a plan
    - Rona Pogrund 2nd
    - Motiona carried
      * Committee members
        + Scott Addison
        + Cyral Miller
        + Jill Brown
        + Cindy Haughn
        + Ruth Ann Marsh

Election Results:

* President Elect: Marjie Wood
* Treasurer: Christy Shepard
* Member-at-Large: Debbie Louder & Shannon Darst

Disscussion to make one member-at-large be from rehab

Discussion to have a bio for each nominee to help people know something

Discussion as to concern for low numbers of rehab members attending

Kate motion for TAER to pay for a table to be at the DBS conference

* Ruth Ann 2nd
* Cyral amending motion to state DBS conference and TRAN (TX rehab action network)
* Motion passed

Debbie made motion for TAER to review and make necessary revision to By-Laws to change make of board members to designate at least one member to be from the rehab area

* + Ruth Ann 2nd
  + KC friendly amendment: to bring forward to the membership to vote on
    - RuthAnn 2nd
    - Discussion: no nominations from rehab for awards—what happens when no rehab runs for office; discussion that TAER could appoint an member but this will all be brought to the general meeting next year
    - Motion carried

Next year’s TAER conference:

March 26-18, 2015

Sheraton, Arlington TX

Cyral congratulated Holly on a well put on conference

Plagues given to outgoing board members:

* Michael Munroe
* Marjie Wood
* Holly Cooper

Motion made to adjourn the TAER Business meeting

Motion: Cyral Miller; 2nd: Kate Moss

Motion accepted

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Brown, TAER Secretary