

ArATE Board Meeting



10.6.17

SRATE Annual Conference Rogers, AR

Members Present: Stephanie Pepper, Susan Grogan, Tonja Fillippino, Freddie Bowles, Jason Trumble, Lewis Kanyiba, Esther Robinson, and Misty LaCour

President Stephanie Pepper called the meeting to order.

The transition from Interim Executive Secretary Nancy Gallavan to the new Executive Secretary Misty LaCour was announced.

Jason moved to approve the April 2017 minutes. Lewis seconded the motion. The April 2017 minutes were approved.

The ArATE Account was Audited in May by Stephanie, Misty, and Freddie. Jason moved to approve the Financial Report. Tonja seconded the motion. The Financial Report was approved.

Misty will provide an updated Financial Report which reflects the deposits and expenditures from the SRATE conference at the April Board Meeting.

Stephanie presented the SRATE Conference Report. The conference had 143 attendees. The feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive. Some have stated that this is one of the best conferences that they have attended. There have been a few reports regarding the inability to reserve a room at Embassy Suites. This is being addressed with the hotel.

Stephanie announced that Talisha Givan has resigned from the ArATE Board. After discussion, the Board has chosen to appoint Allison Freed from the University of the Ozarks to the ArATE Board. Freddie moved to approve the appointment to the board. Susan seconded the motion. The new appointment to the board was approved.

Stephanie will contact Allison Freed to determine if she is interested in serving on the board. If so, Stephanie will invite her to attend the April Board meeting. If not, then other colleagues will be considered to fill the vacancy on the board.

In 2018, the following positions will be available for election: Vice President and Two Board Positions.

Misty will email the ListServe in January to elicit volunteers for these positions. From the volunteers, Freddie will send out elections in mid-Spring.

The board discussed the possibility of developing a new Executive Committee position of Treasurer. This would follow more closely to other organizations which separate Executive Secretary from Treasurer.

Misty will research similar organizations regarding committee positions and report to the board at the April Board meeting.

Location and date for the ArATE 2018 conference was discussed. Harding University was proposed for Friday, September 21, 2018 for the ArATE conference with a Board meeting dinner on the campus on Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 5:00-7:00.

Susan will check with Harding University to determine if the conference center is available for these dates.

ATE conducted a review of ArATE Article VI Delegate Bylaws in 2014 and determined that there were compliance issues. Misty shared the issues identified by ATE. Misty proposed identifying the President-Elect and the Executive Secretary as the 3-year term delegates. The replacement procedures will remain the same as those indicated in Article VII. Jason moved to approve the revision to the bylaws to meet ATE compliance. Tonja seconded the motion. The revisions to Article VI Delegate bylaws to meet ATE compliance was approved.

Misty will revise Article VI Delegate bylaws to meet ATE compliance and submit these to ATE following the guidelines.

A discussion of the 2018 CUP for the ATE Conference was discussed. Stephanie suggested that the President and President-Elect should serve as the Delegates for the ATE Conference and the Executive Secretary is a back-up in case one of them cannot attend.

Stephanie, Susan, and Misty will attend the ATE conference. Stephanie and Susan will serve as the two representatives for the Council of Unit Presidents (CUP).

The 2018 Unit Awards was discussed with a reminder that the deadline is likely December 1.

Freddie will check for the form and details to send to Stephanie. Once received, Stephanie will revise and submit to ATE.

The *ArATE Electronic Journal* was discussed. Nancy would like to no longer serve as editor. Misty stated that she would like to serve as editor. Misty indicated that she would like to work on building journal submissions through the development of call for proposals, etc. Jason moved to approve the new editor. Susan seconded the motion. Misty was approved as the new editor of the *ArATE Electronic Journal*.

Misty will email a Call for Proposals to the ListServe in February for the Spring edition of the journal.

The ArATE Website was discussed with the suggestion that Misty meet with Adam to ensure that he still wants to serve as the webmaster.

Misty will meet with Adam Burnstone to ensure that he would like to remain the webmaster for ArATE.

The Mentor Teacher Award was discussed. The suggestion was made for nominations to be made in the spring. Stephanie suggested that the form be simplified to make the process easier and more realistic for those completing the nominations.

Jason will develop a Google form application for the Mentor Teacher Award and share with the Board. Misty will email the new form to the ListServe in the spring.

The SRATE and ArATE members previously expressed interest in a project for donating to education colleagues recently impacted by natural disasters. Misty and Jane had discussed that if both boards developed a project, we could collaborate. Stephanie reported that the SRATE Board did not decide to pursue a specific project. As such, the ArATE Board will not pursue a specific project.

ArATE Board discussed developing a Give Back Program similar to the program presented by Karen with ATE. Through this program, ArATE could adopt a school in Arkansas and help support a specific need in the school. The goal for this year is to identify a school to participate in this program.

Freddie will write an email message for the Give Back Program and send it to Misty. Once received, Misty will email it to the ListServe.

A possible conference scholarship for graduate students was discussed. The ArATE board decided not to pursue this as there is already a low-cost student rate for the ArATE conference and Watts Scholars for the SRATE conference.

The current bylaws for ArATE indicate that members of the board must be Active members of ArATE. However, there is not a specific definition. Suggestions of what should be included in the definition are: attend conferences, maintain regular contact with the board, and accountability for assigned tasks.

Misty will draft a definition and email it to the Board for approval.

Updating the conference registration process to include online registration was discussed. Numerous attendees expressed concern and difficulty over not having the ability to process payment with a credit card. This also led to some attendees that arrived without pre-payment not being able to pay upon arrival.

Misty will research possible avenues for online registration and share with the board at the April Board meeting.

Submitted by Misty LaCour
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