

Business Meeting

March 27, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Robert at 1:45 pm at the Jewish Studies Center on the campus of the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC.

Those members in attendance included:

Robert Stuessy, Chairperson (MTC) Rebecca Lawson, V-C (FMU) Phil Morris, Exec. Sec. (MTC) Richard Weldon, Sec. (ATC) Debbie Haynes Treas. (USC-C) Kathy Miller (Converse)

Stephanie Mignone (C of C) Emily Burns (MTC)

Bobbie Lindstrom (C of C) Tori Walters (C of C)

Sharon Bellwood (GTC) Pamela Middleton (TTC)

Mildred Knightner (Benedict) Becky Duke (USC-C)

Pam Niesslein (C of C) Judith Steele (C of C)

Marsha Tennant (USC) Richard Ferrante (USC-Med)

Lisa Morrison (Central Carolina TC)

Pam Niesslein expressed appreciation to Bobbie Lindstrom and Tori Walters for all their work on the conference planning and materials.

Approval of Minutes

Richard distributed the minutes from the business meetings held at Midlands Technical College's Airport Campus on October 19, 2001 and at Furman University on March 15, 2002. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Debbie stated that the balance as of 2/28/03 is \$2,659.09. Projected revenue and expenses from this meeting should result in a balance of \$2,499.09. The group was reminded by

Debbie that the membership dues of \$25 cover from July to July and to contact others about possibly joining SUCCEEDS.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Robert reported that a slate of officers is in place.

Nominating Committee

Robert reported that the committee made up of Karen, Donna, Rich and himself met via conference call to pursue nominees. Various scenarios were discussed with the possibility of a co-chair position being created.

A motion to change the by-laws from a chairperson to co-chairs was made and seconded. A discussion of the ramifications of that change followed. The motion was amended to the creation of a chairperson and a chairperson-elect. The motion passed. Notification of these changes to the organization will be made seven days prior to the Fall meeting.

A motion to make the chairperson-elect a member of the program committee was made and seconded. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to delay the election of the chair and chair-elect until the fall. The motion passed.

Program Committee

Rebecca reminded the group that the college that hosts the conference handles the details of the site logistics, while the Program Committee chairperson handles the speaker selection only.

New Business

Phil made an electronic presentation of the proposed SUCCEEDS website. The domain name will be www.scsucceeds.com and Midlands Tech. will not charge the organization for hosting the site on their server. Phil reviewed details of the things available on the site.

Bobbie Lindstrom and Judy Steele presented the draft of the brochure that they have created. Possible uses of the brochure were discussed. A few details were modified in the draft and the group charged them to move ahead with printing the brochure and distributing copies at the Fall meeting.

Robert reported on an initiative that MTC is making beginning in the Fall to visit area high schools to explain services and assistive technology available to them in college.

Sharon reported on her work with the Do-It Project (Disabilities Opportunities Internetworking Technology). It is a federally funded grant project on which she and Jim Gorske (USC-Spartanburg) serve as the SC contacts.

Other Business

Rebecca volunteered to host the Fall 2003 SUCCEEDS Conference at Frances Marion College. The group accepted her invitation with gratitude.

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 3:05pm.