

***AEEE Board of Directors Meeting
(Conference Call)
Friday, November 19th, 2010***

Present:

Beth Olivares – President
Barbara Thompson – President Elect
Anthony C. Culpepper, Jr. – Past President
Jorge A. Martínez Santiago – Secretary
Linda Jones George – At Large
Elliott S. Palais – At Large
Jean Karutis – proxy to Barbara Thompson
Yuri A. Job – At Large
Reinaldo Santiago – At Large
Sonia Gonzalez – At Large
Karen K. Texeira – New York Metro
Joseph Parker – New York Central
Anthony Plonczynski – New York Western

By proxy:

Maria I. Rijos Aponte – proxy to Jorge A. Martinez Santiago
Stacy A. Denton – proxy to Anthony Plonczynski
Queen Jones – proxy to Linda Jones George
Dana A. Lopes – proxy to Linda Jones George

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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. Quorum was established with 13 board members present plus 4 proxies and 3 Board members absent.

2. October 1, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept minutes (as amended) by Elliott S. Palais – Approved.

3. President's Report – Written report submitted –

- * Website is now maintained by AEEE member Chris Grant
- * AEEE 2011 Conference update
- * Membership changes in the membership Committee Report
- * By-laws revisions
- * COE Board meeting in New Orleans Dec. 14-19, 2010
- * Final Regulations for TRIO published in Federal Register
- * Policy Seminar (COE) beginning of March 2011

Motion to accept President's report without objections by Jorge A. Martinez Santiago and second by Karen K. Texeira. Approved.

4. District Reports –

New Jersey North – No report

New Jersey Central – Written report submitted and accepted as moved by Barbara Thompson and second by Anthony Plonczynski.

New Jersey South – Written report submitted and accepted as moved by Barbara Thompson and second by Anthony Plonczynski.

New York Metro – Written report submitted.

New York Central - No written report

New York North Country - No written report, because position is vacant.

New York Western – Written report submitted - Report accepted as moved by Elliott S. Palais and second by Karen K. Texeira.

5. Awards and Scholarship Committee – Barbara Thompson announced that Karen K. Texeira is now the chair of the committee. Applications are complete and some discussion is going on about dates. There are representatives from both New Jersey and New York on the committee.

6. Membership Committee – Written report submitted. Discussion related to changes in the by-laws that would affect the membership structure. Barbara announced that we have 158 people listed as members.

Moved by Joseph Parker and second by Anthony Plonczynski that under the circumstances, it seems best that we bring up the by-laws changes at our annual meeting (conference) or at a special meeting called by the AEEE Board of Directors.

Motion passed with 3 votes against (Linda Jones George, Queen Jones, and Dana A. Lopes) and 3 abstentions (Anthony C. Culpepper, Barbara Thompson, and Sonia Gonzalez).

Move that we approve \$10.00 increase for individual/renewal membership fees by Barbara Thompson and second by Anthony Plonczynski. Approved unanimously.

Membership report accepted. Moved by Jorge A. Martinez Santiago and second by Karen K. Texeira.

7. Conference 2011 – Written report submitted, preparation moving along.

Moved by Elliott S. Palais and second by Sonia Gonzalez that \$10.00 be added to all registration rates approved for the 2011 Conference to \$635.00, \$735.00 and \$835.00. All registration fees would be raised by \$10.00 from the original proposal.

Approved with 1 objection (Anthony C. Culpepper).

Conference 2011 report accepted. Moved by Elliott S. Palais and second by Jorge A. Martinez Santiago.

8. Conference 2012 – No Report

9. Conference 2013 – Written report submitted. Report accepted as submitted. Moved by Barbara Thompson and second by Elliott S. Palais.

10. Resource Development – No report.

11. Fair Share – Report did not arrive on time, but Linda Jones George reported that AEEE as a region is at 27% fair share to COE, New Jersey is at 40% and New York is at 23%. Big concern is the absence of AEEE Board members with personal contributions.

12. TRIO DAY 2011 – Written report submitted. Report accepted as submitted. Moved by Anthony Plonczynski and second by Sonia Gonzalez.

13. Policy Seminar- No report.

14. Nominations and Elections – Written report submitted.

Motion to accept report with the revisions submitted today for the continuation of the Nominations and Elections for AEEE for this fiscal year (2010-2011). Moved by Anthony C. Culpepper and second by Joseph Parker.

Approved with 6 abstentions (Jorge A. Martínez Santiago, Maria I. Rijos Aponte, Elliott S. Palais, Yuri A. Job, Karen K. Texeira, Joseph Parker)

15. Emerging leaders – No report.

16. BY-LAWS – Written report submitted. Suggestion that Board members read by-laws and bring back any questions or suggestions of changes that may be needed.

Issues that need to be addressed:

- * Nominations and Elections
- * Membership
- * Committees
- * Dates

Report tabled for next meeting, moved by Anthony Plonczynski and second by Jorge A. Martínez Santiago

17. Strategic Planning – No report.

18. Unfinished Business –

19. New business

Anthony Culpepper's submission for travel reimbursement in September and Finance Committee denial for payment. Discussion and review of travel policy took place.

Motion: That an exception be made to the travel policy, and that Anthony Culpepper's request for reimbursement for the Board travel be paid or approved, providing that he resubmits the request with the receipts, he signs it, he dates it, he sends a letter of explanation and send it by certified return receipt mail within the next ten business days for it to be paid. Moved by Karen K. Texeira, second by Linda Jones George.

Approved with 5 votes against (Jorge A. Martínez Santiago, Maria I. Rijos Aponte, Elliott S. Palais, Stacy A. Denton, and Anthony Plonczynski) and 1 abstention (Barbara Thompson).

20. Motion to adjourn by Joseph Parker and second by Karen K. Texeira at 3:50 pm. Approved unanimously.