

Board Meeting Minutes
North Carolina Association of Alternative Educators
(Board Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2013)
(11a.m.-2p.m. and Winston-Salem)

Board Members:

Present: Shannon Watkins, Susan Stelling, Beth Bradley, Sonia Jordan-English, Robbie Gupton, Kat Faw, Kenneth Gattis, Diane Heath, Donna Wilde, Preston Waddell, Callie Hammond, Clifford Owens, Reverend Willard Bass, Valoria Burch, Gwen Johnson Green

Absent: Richard Armstrong, James Hargett, Luther Tomas, Judy Leahy, Mitchell Rapp, Paige Marsh, Julia McCombs*

Others Present:

- Thomasville City Schools Chief Admin. Officer: Georgia Marshall
- Thomasville Alternative School Teacher: Liz Synder
- Co-Owners of OTS - Occupational Testing Solutions. Introduced their program. A program to help with substance abuse programs within alternative schools. Mentioned that their program offers counseling to entire families dealing with drug abuse after drug-screenings.

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Proceedings:

- *Meeting called to order at 11 a.m. by President, Dr. Gwen Johnson Green*
- *Vice President, Callie Hammond, moved to approve the minutes from the January 29th meeting, Preston Waddell second the motion, the motion carried unanimously*

· *President's Welcome:*

- Dr. Johnson Green welcomed the 2013 NCAAE Board and guests. Dr. Johnson expressed her excitement that the association has finally

reorganized and commented that the association had not come together since 2008. Dr. Johnson reviewed the agenda and started by re-introducing Board Member, Ken Gattis, the DPI liaison.

Finance Committee report provided by President, Dr. Johnson Green:

- Noted by Dr. Johnson Green that we would be unable to have a treasurer's report, due to Mr. Richard Armstrong 's absence.

- Board member, Ken Gattis, discussed the DPI Standards Document. Gattis noted that the standards were developed in 2007 and have not been revised since. The standards listed in the document were a result of a statute that was passed by the North Carolina Board of Education. Gattis commented on one of the newest statutes added to standards - *If a principal is going to long-term suspend a student, they have to provide an alternative setting unless there is a compelling reason not to.* Dr. Johnson advised that we form a committee to review and revise the standards. (Please use this link to view the DPI Standards <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/alp/develop/>)
- Ken Gattis turned the floor over to current NCAAE Historian and former NCAAE President, Valoria Burch. Burch further explained the origination of the DPI standards. Burch noted the main portion of the document focuses on 37 quality indicators. Burch said that if your school follows these indicators it should be considered an effective alternative school. Burch noted the #22 indicator received the most push-back from superintendents across the state. This indicator has to do with the % of the E.C. population within an alternative school. It states that the % of the E.C. population within the alternative school should never exceed that of the referring school's overall %. Burch also clarified Gattis's role within NCAAE - Gattis will share any DPI updates relating to alternative schools and will also communicate those updates to all NC school districts. Burch mentioned that the current DPI standards are based on research from other states and aligns with the National Standards. She recommended that each board member visit Tennessee's Alternative Education Standards as well as the National Standards.

- Membership Board Member Sonia Jordan-English stated that a committee, headed by Valoria Burch, needs to review the current standards. If changes need to be made the committee will collect evidence and present it to the board. This committee will be referred to as the Strategic Planning and Standards Committee.
- Valoria Burch began Training portion of meeting. Explained that as the new NCAAE Board our purpose is to be the voice of Alternative Education. Burch outlined how meetings should be conducted. Must have an agenda, the President will start all meetings, approve minutes from previous meetings, conduct a treasure's report, Membership committee will give a report (rosters, regional updates), Publicity Committee will report on website, Conference committee will also give report.
- President Johnson and Valoria Burch then proposed to assign board member to the required committees. The committees are: Conference, Publicity, National Connection, Strategic Planning and Standards, Membership. ***Please see table below in regards to committee assignments.***
- President Johnson recommends Vice President Callie Hammound should serve as ex officio of all committees. Vice President agreed with recommendation.
- President Johnson clarified the National Connection: These people will stay connected to the National standards. Make sure NC is staying inline with National standards, provide National conference reports, etc.
- Publicity Board Member Mitchell Rapp will create some type of Committee Report Template that can be access through the NCAAE website.
- Vice President, Callie Hammound, volunteered Lee County to host the Summer Meeting. Friday, June 21st from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. More information to come on exact location. Both Callie Hammound and

Kate Faw offered board members a place to stay the night before the meeting.

- President Johnson Green makes a motion to set membership dues at \$25.00. Kate Faw moved to approve motion, Robbie Gupton seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.
 - note: separate discussion on the floor, to be determined at the June meeting: If registration dues are paid will that give a discount for conference fees? Decided that the membership will be for 2013-2014 school year (July-July)
- Board members requested that secretary make a table to provides board member info, and committee assignments.
- President Johnson adjourns meeting at 1:55 p.m.

** Please review the table below for information on all board members and their assigned duties within NCAAE**

NCAAE Member Name & Contact Info	Role within NCAAE	Assigned Committee Member
Dr. Gwen Johnson Green Winston-Salem Forsyth Region 5 gjohnsongreen@wsfcs.k12.nc.us	President	Conference Committee
Callie Hammound Lee County Region 4 chammond.bragg@lee.k12.nc.us	Vice President	Ex Officio of all Committees Strategic Planning & Standards Committee
Richard Armstrong Iredell/Statesville Region 7 richard_armstrong@iss.k12.nc.us	Treasurer	Conference Committee
Susan Gundersen Stelling Avery County Region 7 susangundersen@averyschools.net	Secretary	Publicity Committee
James Hargett Wake County Region 3 jehargett@gmail.com	Parliamentarian	

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Valoria Burch Charlotte-Mecklenburg Region 6 valoria.burch@cms.k12.nc.us	Historian	Strategic Planning & Standards Committee
Sonia Jordan-English Pender County Region 2 sonia_jordan-english@pender.k12.nc.us svje6658@gmail.com	Membership	Membership Committee
Mitchell Rapp Henderson Region 8 mrapp@henderson.k12.nc.us	Publicity	Publicity Committee
Paige Marsh Orange County Region 5 Paige.marsh@orange.k12.nc.us	DPI Representative	Strategic Planning & Standards Committee
Julia McCombs julia.mccombs@pearson.com	Business	Conference Committee
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Robbie Gupton Wake County Region 3 rgupton@wcpss.net	Region 3 Representative	Membership Committee
Kate Faw Moore County Region 4 kfaw@ncmcs.org	Region 4 Representative	Membership Committee

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Judy Leahy Gaston County Region 6 jmleahy@gaston.k12.nc.us	Region 6 Representative	
Beth Bradley Iredell/Statesville Region 7 bbradley@iss.k12.nc.us	Region 7 Representative	Conference Committee
Donna Wilde Transylvania County Region 8 dwilde@tcsnc.org	Region 8 Representative	Strategic Planning & Standards Committee National Connection
Clifford Owens Region 8 clifford.owens@bcsemail.org	Region 8 Representative	Publicity Committee National Connection
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