

Business, Marketing & Information Technology Education Division
2023 CareerTech Summer Conference
August 1, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Business Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Call to order and welcome given by Michelle Lewandowski, President at 9:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Julie Ballew informed members that the minutes of the last meeting could be found on the BMITE website using the QR code. She called for the approval of minutes.

Motion to approve as posted – Johnathan Gervasi

Second – Daniel Devers

Vote - Motion carried

III. Treasurer’s Report

Randy Hessley, Treasurer, reported that last year we had a total amount of \$7,135.84 in expenditures. After all bills were paid, we will begin this year with \$55,093.73.

Meredith Simerly stated that the Treasurer’s report has been filed.

IV. Reporter’s Update

Julie Ballew discussed the updated BMITE website, and an updated Facebook & Instagram account coming soon. She informed members of the BMITE day at the capitol which is slated for March 28th with Daniel Devers organizing the event again this year.

V. Policy Committee -- By-Law Changes

Meredith Simerly presented the information on the proposed By-Law changes specifically Article 4 Officers Section B Officers Subsection 2. While going through the by-laws to get the verbiage more aligned with OKACTE, some budgetary caps were discovered that were very out of date and needed to reflect current cost of goods/services/travel/registration fees. Specifically, Article 4, “The President shall have a \$100 budget set aside to attend OKACTE professional development opportunities during the school year”. This \$100 doesn’t even cover registration any longer for those opportunities. The proposed bylaw amendment would change the last sentence underlined to state the following “The President shall have a budget of up to \$500 to attend OKACTE professional development opportunities during the school year to cover out of

pocket expenses”. Expect an email from our new President, Joy Salcedo who will send out the By-law changes for members to vote upon. It will take a majority vote for the change to pass.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. BMITE Scholarship Committee Report:** Dayna Stephens promoted the Dean Denton Scholarship. She encouraged each member to pay their \$25 membership dues so that their students could apply for this \$500 scholarship. Last year only 1 student applied, so they got it. She encouraged members to get involved and ask questions.
- b. Policy Committee and CTAC:** Johnathan gave a brief update on the CareerTech state budget being increased to \$22.5 million with \$10 million of that increase in teacher pay raises, and \$1.4 million legislated for our Flexible Spending Accounts that were not completely funded. There were 165 programs not funded that are now. He confirmed that Corey Gray is still the Director for K-12 teachers.
- c. Diversity Action:** Vina Gowdy demonstrated how to get to the Diversity Action Committee information on the website. She informed members about the Diversity Symposium and stressed looking into the Kaleidoscope Award. Dazsa Carter is the chairperson and they are now accepting applications for this award.
- d. Legislative/PAC:** Katrina McDowell talked briefly about CTAC & PAC and the cost being \$20 to join. Katrina said there is approximately 421 BMITE instructors and 49 out of that number have paid for the PAC membership dues. Katrina added that you could pay dues to PAC by credit card on website. She stressed it is completely separate from your annual dues and is paid every year to join and that your school does not pay for it.
- e. Awards Committee/BMITE Division Awards:** Chairpersons Daniel Devers & Darin Lackey recognized teachers who had been members of OKACTE for 5 to 35 years and presented certificates to them. Daniel announced there would be OKACTE membership gifts available for pick up at the Broken Arrow Campus tomorrow for Day 2 of the Summit Conference. Daniel presented the BMITE Division awards for years of service and retirees.
- f. Mutual Benevolent Plan:** Karen Montgomery encouraged all members to get involved. She explained it cost \$20 to join MBP. The teacher and their spouse can be members and it is like an insurance payout upon the death of either one of them. She explained that open enrollment is August 1st through September 30th. She added that teachers can keep up their dues even after they retire.
- g. Introduction of 2023-2024 BMITE President:** Michelle Lewandowski introduced the new president, Joy Salcedo.
- h. Nominating Committee & BMITE 2023-2024 Officer Elections:** Joy Salcedo talked about the nominating committee putting up 3 members for officer positions. Darin Lackey has been nominated for President Elect & Melody Johnston for Secretary and Meredith Simerly for Region 4 Vice President. Joy asked for approval by acclamation. Tracie Cox made a motion to approve the nominations for each office identified. Julie Ballew seconded the motion.

All members affirmed the motion.

The motion carried.

Joy added there was still one position in Region 4 that needed to be filled.

- i. **OKACTE Excellence Awards Committee:** Daniel Devers shared the Excellence Award winners who were nominated from BMITE.

New Teacher of the Year -- Wyatt Gerth

Post-Secondary Professional of the Year – Jeanette Slater

Carl Perkins' Community Award – Jodi Keith

Teacher of the Year – Dan Tibbs

Several retirees were also recognized and thanked for their service.

VII. Unfinished Business

President, Joy Salcedo asked if there was any unfinished business. Daniel Devers brought up that our division name for IRS and tax purposes has been changed to Business Marketing & Information Technology a division of OKACTE. Joy said let the minutes reflect this change.

VIII. Adjournment

Joy Salcedo asked for a motion to adjourn.

Johnathan Gervasi made a motion to adjourn.

Michelle Lewandowski seconded the motion.

All members in favor affirmed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.