



**Executive Committee Meeting  
1:00 pm February 25, 2010  
Oklahoma City, OK Conference  
Agenda**

- I. Welcome and call to order -  
The NAEE Executive Committee (EC) meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President Helen Meyers. Present were Helen Meyers, Helen Roberts, Bill Bosshardt, John Brock, Glen Blankenship, Jan Mester, Jim Dick, and Paul Grimes. Pam Smith and Julie Heath were not present. Kim Sosin attended as executive secretary.
- II. The minutes from February 8, 2010 were approved as written.
- III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Helen Roberts reported that CEE has now billed us \$2,982.18 for the reception and breakfast at the Fall 2009 national conference Washington DC. Also, NAEE received a contribution from the Georgia Council. The balance in our account is \$38,077.52 after subtracting the payment to CEE and before any costs for the OKC conference. Only one of the 2009 NAEE mini-grants has so far been submitted for reimbursement.

The committee discussed two alternatives for simplifying dues payment: credit card adoption and/or Paypal use. Her research with our bank shows that using a credit card would be \$145 application fee plus \$120 in statement fees in year one and \$120 after that, plus a 1.89% fee for each payment received via the credit card. PayPal is 2.9% + \$.30 per transaction. After the discussion of these alternatives, Jan Mester moved and Glen Blankenship seconded a motion that we use PayPal and absorb any fees charged to us when members pay that way. Motion carried. Helen suggested that the Executive Secretary be the person of record for PayPal.

Helen reported that she and Helen Meyers are signatories on the bank account. Paul Grimes as past president is eligible to be added, but he recommended that the president-elect be signatory rather than the past president. Bill Bosshardt agreed to those arrangements.

Helen also recommended that a program be established to select the treasurer earlier to create time for training and ease the succession. The committee realized that the bylaws do provide for this and someone should be chosen who will be on the committee for a few years. Paul moved and Bill seconded a motion to elect John Brock as the incoming treasurer. Motion carried.

Helen reported that she has two upcoming tasks. On May 1, NAEE must file for our continued existence with the state of IL, and on May 15, NAEE must file the 990 tax report. She will complete and submit these forms.

Helen Meyers reminded the EC that the NAEE president, past president and president elect should visit in New York with the CEE new President (when he/she is selected) about the CEE contribution to NAEE, our participation on the annual conference application form, and other issues.

#### IV. Mini Grant Proposals

The initial discussion of the minigrant selection involved the number of grants up to \$500 each NAEE can afford or should select. It was pointed out that we are still encumbered for 5 of the minigrants from last year. We haven't paid for this conference yet and don't know how much that will be. The committee discussed how much we should plan to leave in the bank as a cushion. Paul Grimes will write to the 2009 recipients to ask them if they carried out the grant activities, and give a deadline for submitting a report.

The letters to the new recipients will spell out these details more thoroughly – complete the project during 2010 and submit a report and invoice within 45 days of completing the project. The objective is that the committee know by the spring conference who will be paid for the prior year's minigrant. Also, the Mini Grant criteria form will be amended to clarify these details.

After an extensive discussion, the EC approved six of the 13 proposals. Glen moved and Paul seconded a motion to approve the following proposals:

1. South Carolina Council / Constance Dyson
2. Montana Council / Connie Genger
3. Arkansas Council / Sue Owens
4. Nebraska Council / Roger Butters
5. Oklahoma Council / D.J. Thompson
6. Missouri Council / Mike English

The EC also decided that depending on the response from the 2009 recipients, the following proposals are considered alternates and will be approved if there is funding carried over from 2009 to 2010:

Kentucky Council / Jan Mester  
Bessie B. Moore Center, Arkansas / Rita Littrell

#### V. Membership Committee Update

Bill handed out the *ad hoc* committee report and reviewed the outcomes. The committee report is at the end of this document. The EC had an extensive discussion of approaches to expanding membership, including adding these benefits to the list from the committee report: association with other professional economic educators, eligibility for the NAEE professional development conference, a chance to learn about and participate in curriculum development with experienced writers, participation in ASSA economic education sessions, eligibility for NAEE mini-grants, and expansion of relationships to teachers and teacher organizations.

The executive committee discussed and approved creating a new brochure for NAEE membership, and approved creating a Facebook page. The *ad hoc* committee is following up on the brochure and Kim is following up on Facebook.

The EC accepted the membership committee report, with further discussions to come on other pieces of the report, such as the recommendation that NAEE have a standing membership committee whose responsibilities include recruiting new members and populating the other standing committees.

At a future meeting, the *ad hoc* committee will bring a cost proposal for their proposed activities, such as the brochure.

#### VI. Old Business

No additional old business was presented

VII. New Business

The following issues were brought up:

1. National CEE/NAEE/GATE Conference:

The EC will meet at the National Conference in Miami on Wed, at 5 pm.

On Thursday, which is NAEE morning, we will sponsor the breakfast. The NAEE standing committees will meet from 8 to 9:30 am, and the NAEE business meeting is at 11:00 am. Also on Thursday at 9:45 am there are two meetings, one for council directors (as per council directors' request) and one for everyone else. Jim and Glen offered to organize the non-council session in that time slot. On Thursday night, the NAEE reception will be held at 9 pm.

2. Online Platform for Globalization

CEE is developing an online platform for Focus: Globalization. Patty Elder has asked for network input on how to work with the network to recruit and reward. The EC feels that it is important to the network to work with Patty however we can.

3. At the next EC conference call, we will assign committees to the new members.

VIII. Adjournment at 4:30 pm

**Please put these on your calendar. The 2010 EC conference calls are on the second Monday of each month, 4:30-5:30 pm Eastern Time:**

<b>March 8, 4:30 pm EST</b>	<b>August 9, 4:30 pm EDT</b>
<b>April 12, 4:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>September 13, 4:30 pm EDT</b>
<b>May 10, 4:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>October 11, 4:30 pm EDT</b>
<b>June 14, 4:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>November 8, 4:30 pm EST</b>
<b>July 12, 4:30 pm EDT</b>	<b>December 13, 4:30 pm EST</b>