

# AEA Board Minutes - Amended Monday ~ December 06, 2016

**Call to Order** – 4:35 pm (central)

**Roll call** - JoAnna Stinar, Terry Turner, Carolyn Palo, Joylene Reavis, Betty Lou Cauffman.

Jay - absent.

Guest – Susan Wright

**Jay's Absence** - \* Terry made a motion to approve Jay's absence. Carolyn seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Position** – Marcia's December 1 letter was discussed. Carolyn will post this letter to the AEA-BOD YahooGroups email list.

Points were brought up about some of the problems and Betty Augustine's complaints. Here are just a few:

a.) Betty Augustine thought the board was in violation of the by-laws by allowing Susan to continue paying bills after Betty Augustine was elected as treasurer and complained about not having a debit card for the AEA bank account. (Betty was not set-up to pay bills for almost 2 months after the convention and was not set-up to receive automatic payments from the AEA website. Susan's bank would not give a debit card for the AEA account. Susan used her own credit card as did the previous treasurer. All of this was done with board approval)

b.) Betty Augustine may have misunderstood some of the procedures that were going on. (There was an email issue with Betty Augustine's email provider. Not all emails were being received by Betty A. and not all of her emails were being received by others)

c.) Betty A. complained about it taking too long for checks, signed forms and other correspondence to arrive. (US postal service was taking from 8-10 days for delivery each way)

d.) Betty A. complained that she was not given full control of the finances immediately. (She could not have been able to function right away. Kansas bank accounts took 6 weeks to get set up and then the bank held the original checks for one month, making the accounts unusable until September 19. Betty A. resigned on September 11. Precedence for a gradual transition was set in 2010, when Susan took over the treasurer position from Dietra McCleery. That transition took over 5 months.)

e.) Other AEA members agree that there is something not right about the way all of this was done. (Betty A. violated board protocol by discussing board business outside of the board of directors)

\* Joy motioned to have Susan Wright write a rebuttal letter. AEA-BOD members can add their opinions, if they wish. JoAnna seconded. Motion carried.

Joy will send an email to Susan Wright asking her to reply to the accusations against her.

A possible audit at a cost of at least \$2,000.00, was discussed. It was decided to wait before it is pursued further.

\* JoAnna motioned to send a reply to Marcia, "I have received your email. The AEA board is discussing it and they will respond to you shortly." Terry seconded. Motion carried.

**Current Treasurer Duties** – \* Joy motioned to have Susan, as a member of the budget committee, maintain the AEA books until a new treasurer is appointed. JoAnna seconded. Motion carried.

**Parliamentarian Committee** - \* Terry made a motion to ask Janean Cithryn to join the Parliamentarian Committee. Joy seconded. Motion carried.

\* Joy motioned that if Janean Cithryn consents to join the parliamentarian committee, we ask her to review Marcia's letter and the email threads between Betty A., Betty Lou, Susan and Marcia to give us her opinion on any AEA by-laws violations. Terry seconded. Motion carried.

**Nomination Committee** - Terry suggested that Betty Lou talk to Marcia and explain what is needed for new board member nominations.

**New Treasurer** - An AEA member, Doug Forrer, Pennsylvania, is a CPA. Susan will send contact information for

Doug to Betty Lou. Betty Lou will contact him. If he is receptive to becoming the AEA treasurer, Betty Lou will have him talk to Susan.

**ADJOURN** 6:29 pm (central) \* Carolyn made a motion to adjourn. Terry seconded. Motion carried.