

# **IAACE Board Meeting**

**Oakland City University Plainfield Center**  
**January 18, 2019**  
**10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**Mission:** To advocate for adult education in Indiana.

**Vision:** We cultivate leaders who advance adult education for stronger communities in Indiana.

## **1) Call to Order-Michelle Davis**

- a) Present: Sheila Butler, Lisa Cruea, Michelle Davis, Rob Moore, Ted Pearson  
Natalie Reuter, Laura Smart, and Cynthia Warner-Lowe
- b) Call In: Christi McIntyre, Marilyn Pitzulo, Polly Redmond, and Jennifer  
Wigginton
- c) Absent: Caroline Foster and Mike Landram

## **2) Approval of Minutes-Michelle Davis**

- a) Motion to approve December minutes as presented by Cynthia Warner-Lowe, seconded by Natalie Reuter. All approve.

## **3) Treasurer Report-Sheila Butler**

- a) Balances
  - i) TCU Checking: \$67,773
  - ii) TCU Savings: \$5,023
  - iii) Paypal: \$217
- b) Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Rob Moore, seconded by Ted Pearson. All approve.

## **4) State AE Update-DWD**

- a) HB 1244 & Senate Bill 607-Authored by Senator Sullivan from SW Indiana & Senator Raatz from eastern IN (Richmond)
  - i) Requires 2.5 Million (of the total 14.5 Million) transferred from adult education to allow providers to offer a high school diploma to individuals 22 years of age or older. It is estimated that 2,800 less adult education students would be served.
  - ii) This bill proposes to offer funding for "Adult Secondary Credit"
  - iii) This would decrease Adult Education's federal match which could reduce our federal funding.
  - iv) Questions remain regarding who is issuing the diploma and whether IN DOE would accept this diploma. They estimate \$6,700 would be paid per student.
  - v) This is a pay for performance program per credit, per certification, and per diploma.

- (1) DWD met with Senator Raatz and Sullivan when they visited Vincennes University.
- b) Senate Bill 464
  - i) Bill to allow homeless youth to take the HSE exam without a fee and without the consent of an adult.
    - (a) Concern and questions: Federal match, loss of funds for testing center, should it also include a requirement to illustrate readiness to pass the assessment and questions around official exit paperwork.
- c) HB1002-Movement of funds from WorkINdiana to Next Level Jobs. DWD is in support of all bills by the Governor.

#### **5) Governor Workforce Cabinet Update-Rob Moore**

- a) The Governor's Workforce Cabinet-Youth Committee met recently at the Indianapolis Pivot Center on the east side of Indianapolis. They shared the great success of JAG: 94% graduation rate and 125 programs last year across the state. They have also created the new Work Ethics Certification.
- b) Natalie Reuter met with staff from the Governor's cabinet to discuss proposed HB 1002. She shared the following feedback with them:
  - i) WorkINdiana offers more training options for participants than possible in IET trainings or Next Level Jobs.
  - ii) The funds being moved from Adult Education to the Skillful Initiative would not directly benefit adult education students.
  - iii) She suggested that the bill include trainings with three and four "In-Demand Flames" rather than exclusively five flame trainings which adult education students are unlikely to be able to successfully complete due to their longer length-2 years.

#### **6) COABE Update-Sara Gutting and Sharon**

- a) Michelle Davis and Jennifer Wigginton are coordinating with Patrick from Michigan to coordinate best practices between states.
- b) Educate and Elevate Campaign successfully added \$60 Million at the federal level for adult education
- c) COABE conference will be March 31-April 3 in New Orleans and will include national awards including: learner, teacher, state innovator, workplace, and advocate. Nominations are currently being accepted.
- d) Member benefits include:
  - i) Over 50 FREE continuing education webinar to all members.
  - ii) Resource Bank that colleagues can upload and share materials.

- iii) State association leaders have access to COABE leadership development opportunities.
- iv) Health Insurance
- v) Adult Learner membership is FREE to help meet the goal of increasing public awareness of adult education.

## **7) Committees**

### ***a) Advocacy-Rob Moore***

- i) Lobbyist Joe and Rob Moore created a summary of each bill touching adult education and the issues around it. Lobbyist Joe has been speaking to Legislators about all bills. Most legislators are concerned with cost and efficiency.
- ii) HB1244 and Senate Bill 607: Senator Raatz & Senator Sullivan have indicated that Graduation Alliance is an online program providing the high school diploma. They are the organization behind similar lobbying efforts in Ohio and Michigan. Lobbyist Joe spoke with Gretchen Goodman from Cook requesting they share how Adult Education is working in collaboration with business. Cook is going to suggest to Senators that they add additional funding if they want to add additional programming. Since the budget is tight legislators are taking money from one program to add a new one.
- iii) Senate Bill 464: Our lobbyist suggest that we ask for clarification regarding who will pay for the testing, request students pass a readiness assessment, and have a valid high school exit interview.
  - (1) Cinthya Warner-Lowe worries about students who live near the state line coming to Indiana to test.
- iv) HB 1002 Workforce Reimbursement Bill: Lobbyist met with Ways and Means Chairman Huston & Senator Sullivan. Because this is the Governor's Bill Legislators will keep it as written. Senator Sullivan is open to further conversation about the use of the adult education funding. Lobbyist Joe is going to share that they risk losing the federal match. Senator Huston's bill is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday 1/22. Senator Sullivan will let Lobbyist Joe know when her bill is to be heard.
  - (1) Programs are encouraged to submit four flame trainings (HVAC, EMT, Microsoft Word) to Next Level Jobs.
  - (2) We want to ensure that adult education students have access to training.

### ***b) Communications-Jennifer Wigginton/Caroline Foster***

- i) The newsletter and blog will be sent out next week. It will include information about the French Lick conference including registration and awards. They will also send out information about the Board member nominations.

**c) *Membership-Laura Smart***

- i) Current membership: 449

**d) *Conference Committee-Ted Pearson/Jennifer Wigginton***

- i) Updates will be provided in the committee meeting.

**e) *Employer Engagement-Christi McIntyre***

- i) Christi McIntyre has been working with Dunkin Supply and IU West and they are willing to partner across the state. Michelle Davis asked Christi McIntyre to write up this information for all members.

**f) *Audit-Michelle Davis***

- i) No updates.

**8) Other Business**

**a) Old Business**

- i) IN Literacy Association Board of Directors-Michelle Davis will appoint a member.
- ii) By laws-Members can review and provide feedback to Michelle Davis

**b) New Business**

- i) Nomination Process for New Board Members is open to current members only.
- ii) Annual Award Open-see link listing previous winners.
- iii) Next meeting will be Friday, February 8, 2018 at 10:00 Eastern time.

**9) Adjourn Board**

- a) Motion to adjourn made by Sheila Butler, seconded by Cynthia Warner-Lowe. All approve.