

## MINUTES

August 24, 2010

WALCE Professional Improvement Committee  
Wautoma, WI

Present: Ed Hernandez, Cyndi Eggers, Rod Engh, Kelly Maginnis, Mary Jo Gingras, Patty Benedict, Dale Konkol, Greg Cleereman, Peter Jopke, Keith Marquardt, Geoff Schramm

Absent: Marie Graupner, Rod Webb, John Exo, Chris Schlutt, Pat Murphy, Dennis Presser, Terry Lohr, Al Brandt

1. Call to Order: Chair Eggers brought the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Waushara County Courthouse, 209 S. St. Marie St., Wautoma, WI.
2. Introductions: Introductions were not necessary.
3. Review and Approval of August 18, 2009 PIC Minutes: Eggers distributed copies of the April 20, 2010 PIC minutes. Motion by Benedict, second by Engh, to approve the minutes as presented. Minutes approved.
4. Review of Scholarship Applications and Scholarship Issues: Scholarships have been awarded to Eric Johnson and Tamara Wittmer. Eggers noted she has not received Johnson's report yet. Eggers informed the PIC of Ann Lane's dissatisfaction that her scholarship application to attend the AFSCME Union convention in Madison was not approved. In addition to not meeting the application deadline, PIC members voted against awarding the scholarship. Eggers informed Lane she could appeal to the WALCE Board, but she has not done so. A suggestion was made to require a supervisor's signature on future scholarship applications, and to amend the scholarship application/guidelines to require that reports include a brief description for each session attended. Eggers will check whether the changes must be approved by the WALCE Board. Motion by Hernandez, second by Cleereman to approve the suggested changes to the scholarship application/guidelines. Motion carried by voice vote.

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6. Selection of 2012 Conference Location: Gingras investigated possible facilities in the Northern Area. She gave information on Lakewoods Resort in Cable, Heartwood Resort in Minong, and the Quality Inn/Americinn in Rhinelander. Adequate meeting room space and number of hotel rooms available are issues with most facilities in the north. Eggers invited interested PIC members to tour the possible facilities prior to the next meeting. In the event a suitable facility is not found in the Northern Area, Eau Claire (Western Area) may be considered as an alternate location.

The Technical Committee arrived during discussion of Agenda item #6: Matt Hanewall, Derek Kavanaugh, Bob Micheel, Dan O'Connell, Paul Fredrich, Brian Goepfert

5. 2011 Conference – (Joint meeting with WALCE Technical Committee): Breakouts: PIC members were asked to write suggestions for breakout sessions, which were grouped according to topic. Sessions were rated, discussed, and assigned to members to find speakers. Information is to be brought to the next meeting. There is adequate space at The Mead to host exhibitors. There was discussion regarding changing the format of the business meeting and Wednesday afternoon's schedule. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting. Suggestions for county presentations are needed. Eggers will look into a survival tool as a registration gift. It was decided no outside entertainment is needed. Raffle items will be the same as last year.
7. Other Business: Gingras offered to coordinate a silent auction. Each county will be asked to contribute an item or items unique/special to their county. The proceeds will go to the raffle fund.
8. Next Meeting Date(s): The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2010 in Wautoma.
9. Adjournment: Eggers adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Benedict  
PIC Member