

ACCESS Full Board Conference Call
Thursday April 7, 2011

The ACCESS Executive Board did not have a conference call during the month of March. Therefore the minutes of the February conference call were not approved.

Present: Carrie Nepstad, Debra Murphy, Cheryl Bulat, Lisa Morley (MI), Nancy Beaver, Susan Wyatt, Kathy Allen, Joan Klinkner (WI), Mary Garguile, Crystal Swank, Trude Puckett
Absent: Chris Lincoln, Kim Horejs, Polly Parker, Nancy Gabriel, Judy Sherwood, Joyce Nelson, Janie Hilliard

President's report - Carrie Nepstad

The question was asked if we could change our meeting time to 1:00p.m. EST for the remainder of this year. The board agreed to do so.

Voices of practitioners partnership

Gail Perry called me the other day and wanted to send her thanks for the lovely "ACCESS Gail Perry Teacher Research" award. She wishes she could have been at the reception. She will be at PDI and is organizing a Voices breakfast meeting for Sunday June 12. If you can attend, please send an RSVP to me today so I can send a list of participants to Gail.

Alliance call 02/07:

It is important for the board to read the draft so we can have input on the Early Childhood Definitions.

Discussed the NAEYC/NACCRRA document on professional development definitions and our role in developing a section of the document which defines terms in teacher preparation. The Alliance will write this piece and be named as a partner in the document. See notes from an e-mail sent by Alison Lutton:

"As Sarah mentioned, I will be taking the lead on the next steps in the PD Definitions work. Sarah shared your message with me so that we can begin our work together. Both Sarah and Peter want to thank you for your review and feedback on the Training and TA glossary. Your time and expertise is very much appreciated.

NAEYC is pleased to work with the Alliance of Early Childhood Teacher Educators on the next stage of the definitions project and pleased to see the collaboration represented in the Alliance. Sarah will be sending the Training and Technical Assistance glossary with a paragraph describing our partnership that she would like you to take one more look at. I will be your primary staff contact for the next phase of this project, including Sarah and Peter as needed to ensure that we build on the work they have accomplished. We would like to include the Alliance as a named partner in this next phase, which will focus on education definitions. I hope we can set up a time to talk

on the phone about time frame and next steps. I will send out a meeting invitation with possible dates and times next week.

*Looking forward to our work together,
Alison"*

NOTE: Nancy Beaver, VP of Collaborations, will take the lead on this project as well as developing a partnership agreement with NAECTE.

Met with Polly Parker, Connecticut State Affiliate Group 02/14:

We talked about their state meeting (02/11), which had ACCESS membership as a main theme for the agenda (see below). This will help us to think about what state groups need to see ACCESS as a worthwhile membership to maintain.

II. Why join ACCESS? To help build state networks, promote the mission of ACCESS, build state and national leadership and connect state networks with national ACCESS

III. Membership Benefits

- Four ACCESS Newsletters- Feb. May, August and November
- ACCESS Website
- ECE Listserve
- Assessment Resources will be sent to members who are involved in the Accreditation (ECADA) Process
- SKiP online discussions
- ACCESS Blog www.accesstosharedknowledgeandpractices.wordpress.com
- State affiliate members have a voice at the National ACCESS level
- Subscriptions to the NAECTE Journal of Early Childhood Teacher for additional costs
- ACCESS Day at PDI in June and the NAEYC Conference in November.

SKiP call about writing the annual report 03/02 & SKiP call about rubrics 04/06 :

Met with Nancy Gabriel along with Kathy Allen and Rhonda Hawkins from the North Carolina State Affiliate Group 04/05:

- *I am scheduled to meet via Skype with their state group September 15, 2011.*
- *We talked about a possible matching grant/scholarship idea where ACCESS would partner with other organizations to fund one membership per accredited program in the state. Perhaps we could find a grant to help fund this idea.*
- *Could we partner with other organizations for joint memberships (NAECTE, NAEYC, etc.)?*
- *They are interested in the state site within the ACCESS website.*

- *One concern that was voiced about becoming or maintaining a state affiliate group is the loss of a state identity. We need to communicate that the national board does not dictate anything to states other than the affiliate guidelines.*

In order to acquire more members, this grant has potential. It was suggested we explore the possibility of a pilot scholarship so new members could see the value or ACCESS and continue renewal. The grant might suggest dues to be shared by National (1/3), State (1/3) and the individual (1/3). After some discussion, Nancy G., Kathy Allen, and Rhonda Hawkins agreed to write draft application for this grant. States without affiliates need to be considered in this as well. These states may have ACCESS members but not enough to have formed an affiliate. This idea will take some money on our part and detailed bookkeeping would need to be established. Crystal encouraged us to think about what happens on web redesign – how does the Pay Pal account work with this? Are we no longer accepting P.O.'s? We need to be flexible in the ways we accept payments of dues.

Carrie suggested there be a newsletter article to identify needs of states which will be given direction to the board. We are here to serve the membership and keep us forward moving.

Web re-design

Crystal reminded us to look at the report that was given for March regarding Web re-design.

Carrie, Crystal Swank, VP of Communications, and Cal Anderson are in communication on the website re-design plans. It is hoped we can launch the new website at the 2011, PDI.

Carrie Developed survey to send out to membership:

Please review and send feedback to my e-mail address. I will send it out through the listserv on Monday. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JDBL52Z>

Met with Alison Lutton in DC 03/16, 03/17:

- *Discussed 2010 Professional Preparation standards, updates and re-accreditation process.*
- *Discussed ongoing ACCESS/NAEYC partnership – ACCESS providing a forum for faculty to share resources and best practices*
- *Discussed ACCESS Assessment book/manual. I am in the process of writing this document and plan to have it completed by November 2011 for distribution to ACCESS members by January 2012. The idea is that ACCESS members will participate in building this document. It will be peer-reviewed. I'd like to form a committee that will do the reviewing, but I want to post all drafts for feedback from the membership. Hopefully, we will get folks to donate their rubrics and other things as samples to be shared. See draft Table of Contents (attached).*
 - *Plan A – open source document that is distributed to ACCESS members this year and then posted as a pdf file on our website, free of charge.*

- *Plan B – in partnership with NAEYC, work with their publications department to consider various formats for document (e-text). Would probably need to charge for it, providing a discount to ACCESS members. This might bring us a broader audience. Could serve as a recruitment tool.*

Mary suggested that we proceed with both Plan A and B. We might send out the first version to the membership as a member benefit. The members would give feedback which would make it peer reviewed. This would also allow Alison to get the process started with the NAEYC publishers. Plan A would take the remainder of 2011 and Plan B would occur in 2012 for all NAEYC members to have access. (See attachment).

Treasurer, Chris Lincoln

Chris and Carrie are meeting next week to work on the budget. They will send the final document out to the Board for an e-vote.

Chris will send the final 2011 budget for an e-vote next week. So everyone needs to look for it and respond quickly.

Mini-grants Chair, Susan Wyatt

Susan has received one application for a mini-grant from Fox Valley Community College in WI. She has also talked with Alison Lutton about have a notice placed on ECADA about the availability of mini-grants. She doesn't know whether this will be possible since Susan is a peer reviewer. Alison is giving this some thought.

VP of Professional Development Debra Murphy:

On April 6, 2011 we conducted the third of four SKiP committee calls about the NAEYC ECADA process. Ten members were on the call, about rubrics. The call was recorded and the file will be posted on the ACCESS wiki page:

<http://ecadashare.wikispaces.com><<http://ecadashare.wikispaces.com/>> . The wiki has been updated to include the March SKiP call recording, a teacher research power point, and a reflection rubric used at Harold Washington College.

We are gearing up for PDI in Providence in June. Ben Mardell from Project Zero will be our keynote speaker. We also have a session on the ECADA process facilitated by ACCESS members, a roundtable session with several interesting topics, and a membership meeting on Monday, June 13, 2011.

I am going to ask the membership in the next newsletter to see if anyone has any experience with female veterans from either Iraq or Afghanistan in any of their classes to see if we can have a conversation about issues related to this.

Next SKiP phone meeting scheduled (2pm Central, 3pm EST)

- *What is your strategy for upgrading to the revised standards? May 4*

Wisconsin State Affiliate Representative, Joan Klinkner:

Joan has been on all of the SKiP calls – thank you Joan!

VP of Collaboration, Nancy Beaver

Nancy will take the lead on the Alliance work and will continue to work with the folks at Voices to develop our partnership further and encourage our members to consider writing articles.

Do we want Cengage to do something during lunch at PDI? Kara has some folks who do training – the Texas local affiliate had one who did a session on interactive teaching ideas, or maybe an author could discuss a new book. What does the Board think?

Illinois State Affiliate Representative, Cheryl Bulat:

The Illinois group will meet this Friday April 8, 2011 along with PDAC in a joint session to discuss grants on the horizon, articulation and our seven core courses. More to report at the next meeting.

Michigan State Affiliate Representative, Lisa Morley:

VP of State Affiliates, Nancy Gabriel

We met with representatives from the Connecticut group this week to discuss possible recruitment strategies for state groups including sponsorship of memberships in the state in partnership with other organizations.

VP of Communication, Crystal Swank

Finalizing transfer from Garrett to Cal Anderson including details for the re-design.

Newsletter pieces are due by Friday April 15. All Board members are obligated to write something. *Bulleated updates are fine. It would also be nice if each of us wrote a sentence or two about what ACCESS has meant to us.*

VP of Membership, Kim Horejs

Kim is on medical leave right now. She and Carrie will be working on the Assessment member benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

Trude Puckett, Secretary