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Executive Committee April 11, 2012 C102 Chestnut Cottage, Penn State Hazleton 12:30 p.m. Minutes

<u>Attended:</u> Anna Griswold, Gary Lawler, Martha Jordan, Jane Owens, Paula Pierce, Martha Aynardi, Pat Shope and Judy Wills <u>Unable to attend:</u> Karen Pollack, Ann Williams

- 1. Anna Griswold called the meeting to order.
- 2. The group approved March 14, 2012 Executive Committee minutes
- 3. Follow-up topics from Commission meeting

Awards

- a. Only one nomination was received during the annual award nomination period.
- b. Paula Pierce asked the committee for guidance on whether nominees from the Shirley Hendrick Award pool who better matched criteria for the annual awards could be considered for the awards. The committee agreed to allow this so long as the nominator(s) concur.
- c. Pierce will send recommendations to Judy Wills by April 17.
- d. The group discussed ways to promote awards
 - i. Could Chancellors spread the word and let us know who's doing good things with adult learners?
 - ii. Mention of an "Unsung Heroes Award" at one of the campuses to award an employee of the week; Nominees are recognized as well as winners.
 - iii. Discussed a PowerPoint slide show with a paragraph testimony of what they've done.

- iv. Recognize people making a difference at all levels and invite them to the conference.
- v. Merge the two awards and ask for nominations throughout the year instead of in the spring.
- vi. Print out a booklet with pictures and testimonies for the conference.
- vii. Ask adult students to nominate staff. Could the AEC members prompt students to nominate staff who have made an impact?
- viii. ASL honor society could nominate faculty members who have made a difference with adult learners.
- 4. New business
 - a. Griswold and Jordan discussed their meeting with Mike Dooris with regards to hosting a Quality Advocates session about adult learners.
 - i. The committee brainstormed ideas for a title.
 - ii. "Here Comes Generation A" emerged as a possibility that Pat will be using in her PLA work.
 - iii. Suggested having a panel with Karen Pollack and Martha Aynardi discussing the faculty survey results; Pat Shope and Jane Owens discussing PLA initiatives.
 - b. Discussion about the BOT Diversity Breakfast tentatively set for May 4th.
 - i. This is graduation for many of our campuses.
 - ii. Judy Wills will confirm date with BOT office and let Executive Committee know.
 - c. Griswold thanked Lawler and his staff for hosting today's meeting and reminded members about registering for and promoting the conference.
- 5. Griswold adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Wills