Penn-Del AER General Assembly  
Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2019  
APPROVED

Best Western Premier Hotel, Harrisburg, PA

Meeting called to order at 11:45 am by Angela Humbertson, Board President

Parliamentarian: Vince McVeigh

Attendance
Penn-Del AER Board Members, General Membership and Conference Attendees

Officers’ Reports

President: Angela Humbertson
Opened with a general welcome and introduction of Board Members and Directors-at-Large.

Secretary: Kerry Lueders
The minutes from April 26, 2018 General Assembly Meeting were presented to membership. Mary Nelle McLennan motioned to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Rebecca Renshaw. Membership voted and accepted the minutes.

Treasurer: Vince McVeigh
Vince McVeigh presented the current balance of the Penn-Del AER account.

Year In Review
Rebecca Renshaw presented an overview of the previous year, including updates about

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the strategic plan areas of: membership, retention and recruitment; leadership; advocacy (legislation, decrease in APH funding, and laws at federal level related to IDEA funding); non-profit status; professional development and conference; and, board engagement.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Holly Russell, Committee Member
The current number of Penn-Del Chapter members was reported to be 164. An overview of the Membership Committee was presented. The committee has been focused on member recruitment and retention and continues to offer raffle incentives to members in the form of: early bird registrations and travel stipends to the upcoming AER International Conference; registrations and travel expenses for the upcoming Penn-Del AER Conference; a wine basket for current members; and, a visa gift card for anyone who joins/rejoins Penn-Del AER and/or their recruiters.

Nominations Committee – Angela Humbertson, Chair
Angela Humbertson reviewed the goal of the Nominating Committee to fill positions on the board.

Nominations for seven Directors-at-Large
  Western PA District: John Hofmeister, Ashley Popojas, Venetia Hayden
  Eastern PA Region: JoAnn McNamee, Nancy Ashley
  Central PA District: Mary Daubenspeck, Doug Williams
  Delaware: n/a

There were no officer vacancies this year.

Angela Humbertson asked for nominations from the floor. Vince McVeigh motioned to close the nominations. Rebecca Renshaw seconded the motion. Membership voted to accept the slate of Officers and Board of Directors as presented.

By-Laws and Structure Committee – Vince McVeigh, Chair
There were no by-laws changes proposed this year.
Communication Committee – Holly Russell, Chair

A review of the committee and its subcommittees and goals was presented to the membership.

Professional Development Committee – Rebecca Renshaw, Chair

Conference Planning Committee – Angela Humbertson and Holly Russell, Co-chairs

A review of the subcommittee was presented to the membership and committee members were recognized. It was reported that nearly 300 people attended the 2019 Penn-Del AER Conference.

Awards Committee – Brenda Egan, Chair

The goal of the committee was reviewed and a call was made to nominate fellow members for next year’s awards.

2019 Award Recipients
Penn-Del AER Richard L. Welsh Service Award: Debby Holzapfel
Elinor Long Educator of the Year (ELEY) Award: Jodi Cox

New Business

BBVS Update: Stan Swaintek BBVS, Acting Director

A review of BBVS programming, including collaborations and general budgeting information, was presented. Educators were encouraged to develop relationships with their local BBVS representatives.

Leadership Workshop: Mary Nelle McLennan

A review of the pre-conference leadership workshop was presented and board members involved with the planning were recognized. Members were asked to generate ideas for continued leadership workshops in the future.

Conclusion

The 2020 Penn-Del AER Conference will be held April 22-24, 2020.

Venetia Hayden motioned to adjourn, and Vince McVeigh seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 12:14 pm.