

**NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
First Quarter Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2012**

**1. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

All NCCA Board of Directors, Area Presidents, and the general public having been duly notified the first quarter meeting of the NCCA Board of Directors was held January 25, 2012, at Southeast Community College's Continuing Education Center in Lincoln. President Oelsligle stated the public meeting notice was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on January 14, 2012. He also stated that the rules for the Nebraska Public Meeting Laws were available for public viewing. The public meeting notice is attached to these minutes.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

Directors Present:

President Don Oelsligle – Northeast  
Vice President Robert Feit – Southeast  
Secretary Kent Miller – Mid-Plains  
Sandra Borden – Central  
Merlyn Gramberg – Western Nebraska  
Diane Keller- Central  
Tom Perkins – Western Nebraska  
Larry Poessnecker – Northeast  
Lynn Schluckebier – Southeast

Directors Absent:

Ernie Mehl – Mid-Plains

Staff Present:

Dennis Baack – Executive Director  
Melanie Williams – Administrative Assistant

Also present: Dr. Greg Smith – Central, Ryan Purdy – Mid-Plains, Dr. Michael Chipps, Steve Schram and John Davies – Northeast, Dr. Jack Huck – Southeast, and Dr. Todd Holcomb – Western Nebraska.

**3. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION**

President Oelsligle called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and asked for roll call and quorum determination. Present and responding were nine board members representing their respective area governing boards. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Oelsligle asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. There was none.

**MOTION BY TOM PERKINS AND SECOND BY SANDRA BORDEN that the NCCA Board of Directors approve the meeting agenda as presented.**

President Oelsligle asked for any objections or discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Voting Aye:** Borden, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Miller, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckeiber

**Voting Nay:** None

**Absent:** Mehl

**RESULT: Motion carried nine (9) ayes, no nays, and one (1) absent.**

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Oelsligle asked for any corrections or changes to the November 2, 2011, meeting minutes. There was none.

**MOTION BY LARRY POESSNECKER AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors approve the November 2, 2011, meeting minutes as presented.**

President Oelsligle asked for any discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Voting Aye:** Borden, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Miller, Oelsligle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

**Voting Nay:** None

**Absent:** Mehl

**RESULT: Motion carried nine (9) ayes, no nays, and one (1) absent.**

## **6. 2012 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Baack stated that he would give a brief overview of each bill and answer any questions the Board may have prior to a position being taken. The three positions which may be taken are support, oppose, and monitor.

**LB 735** was introduced by Senator Schumacker and would provide for public meetings of a community college board of governors to be held by videoconference or telephone conference. Baack stated that this bill was introduced at the request of Linda Aerni of Central and would give board members the opportunity to vote via phone or videoconference which boards are currently unable to do. A quorum would still need to be had at the main meeting site and the public and press would need to be notified and have access to the other sites. Baack stated that there will be some opposition to this bill such as Media Nebraska and that it may not pass easily. Discussion was had and it was decided that this bill should be **monitored**.

**LB 842** was introduced by Senator Harms and would change the termination date relating to self-sufficiency activities under the Welfare Reform Act. Baack stated that four years ago, Senator Harms got a bill passed which allowed welfare recipients up to three years to complete an associate's degree and still have welfare benefits. This bill would extend the sunset date for another four years. Discussion was briefly had and it was decided to **support** this bill.

**LB 902** was introduced by Senator Haar and would redefine a term relating to property tax exemptions and also change provisions relating to a sales tax exemption for purchased by the state or a governmental unit. Baack stated that last fall, the Department of Revenue determined that if a facilities corporation owns property, it is taxable until they turned it over to a community college for example. This bill states that if you work with a facilities corporation and you are eventually going to own that property, the property will always be exempt from property tax. Discussion was had and it was decided to **support** this bill.

**LB 946** was introduced by Senator Adams and would adopt the Community College Aid Act. Baack stated that since all of the boards have already shown support for this bill, this board should go on record as well. It was decided to **support** this bill.

**LB 990** was introduced by Senator Fulton and would change flag display provisions for schools and require recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Baack stated that this bill would require an American flag and a Nebraska flag be displayed in every classroom in the state for every public school which would apply to the community colleges. Discussion was briefly had and it was decided to **monitor** this bill.

**LB 1023** was introduced by Senator Avery and would provide grants for educational-related fees for dependents of veterans. Baack stated that the community colleges already provide tuition waivers but this bill would require fees to be waived as well. Discussion was briefly had and it was decided to **monitor** this bill.

**LB 1079** was introduced by Senator Mello and would provide grants for education bridge programs for low-income adults. Baack stated that this bill would have the State fund grants for this program and may require matching funds at the local level. The University and State Colleges are currently monitoring this bill however the community colleges are named specifically in the bill. Discussion was had and it was determined to **support** this bill.

**LB 1144** was introduced by Senator Ashford and would provide for career academy schools. Baack stated that the community colleges are listed in the bill as one of the possible partners for a public school in they should choose to create a career academy. Discussion was had and it was determined to **support** this bill.

**MOTION BY TOM PERKINS AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER for the NCCA Board of Directors to approve the 2012 NCCA Legislative Agenda as discussed.**

President Oelsigle asked for any further discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Voting Aye:** Borden, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Miller, Oelsigle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

**Voting Nay:** None

**Absent:** Mehl

**RESULT: Motion carried nine (9) ayes, no nays, and one (1) absent.**

## **7. CHANGE OF 2012 ANNUAL MEETING LOCATION AND HOST AREA**

Dr. Chipps stated that since he has already been working with Rod Risley for the upcoming annual meeting and considers him a close friend and colleague, he would like the opportunity to continue to work with Risley. He also stated that he has already spoke to Risley about this possible change of location and Risley would be fine with this change. Perkins asked what this change would do to Mid-Plains in regards to what they have already planned in preparation of the annual meeting. Miller stated that he had spoke to the chair of his board and the Mid-Plains board would be okay with the change.

The third quarter board meeting was to be in South Sioux City. It was determined that the third quarter board meeting would be in Southeast so that two meetings are not held back-to-back in one area.

**MOTION BY LARRY POESSNECKER AND SECOND BY LYNN SCHLUCKEBIER that the NCCA Board of Directors approve the following changes: third quarter meeting location moved to Southeast, annual meeting location and host area moved to Northeast, and Mid-Plains being the host area for the 2013 annual meeting.**

President Oelsgle asked for any further comment. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken.

**Voting Aye:** Borden, Feit, Gramberg, Keller, Miller, Oelsgle, Perkins, Poessnecker, Schluckebier

**Voting Nay:** None

**Absent:** Mehl

**RESULT: Motion carried nine (9) ayes, no nays, and one (1) absent.**

## **8. COUNCIL OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

Dr. Holcomb stated that the CEO's will be meeting later in the day and one topic of discussion will be the upcoming NLS conference in Washington, D.C. Baack stated that four of the five federal delegate meetings are currently set and there are a total of 19 attendees. It was also stated that the WIA will be looking at possibly aligning their service areas with the community college area lines.

## **9. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Perkins reviewed the treasurer's report and asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

## **10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Baack stated that the board may want to look at changing the dues structure so that each area is paying the same amount. Each area receives the same services and voting rights from the Association. President Oelsgle then stated that this reaffirms the Association's position that every area has equal rights in the Association. Baack then stated that the board may also want to look at its policies and perhaps make the change that when matters of disagreement occur due to the funding formula, the Association would be excluded from this process. Meaning if the CEO's are unable to resolve the dispute, the matter would then go to the Legislature for a solution.

It was decided that both of these matters should be forwarded to the Bylaw and Policy Committee for discussion and review prior to the next meeting.

It was then stated that if these policies were in fact changed, Baack and the board chair should perhaps attend a Metro board meeting and inform them of the changes so that they are kept informed in the event they do rejoin the Association in the future.

Baack then asked the board if they would like to invite Metro to participate in the PTK event. The board replied that Metro should be invited.

**11. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

President Oelsligle asked for any further comments or concerns from the board. Baack stated that a letter should be sent from each area board to their Senators showing their support for the community college bill.

Miller stated that the members of the Education and Seminars committee will need to be changed to reflect the change made earlier referring to the annual meeting. President Oelsligle stated that the committee will now consist of Poessnecker, Oelsligle, Dr. Chipps from Northeast and Mehl from Mid-Plains.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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Don Oelsligle, President

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Kent Miller, Secretary