

AADGB

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS

Minutes, September 13, 2012, 10:00 a. m.

Maricopa Community Colleges District Maricopa Room

2411 W. 14th St., Tempe, AZ 85281

AADGB OFFICERS PRESENT: Ginny Handorf, President, Northland-Pioneer CC Dist.; Doyle Burke, Secretary/Treasurer, Maricopa CC Dist.; John Eaton, Cochise CC Dist.; Nat White, Coconino CC Dist. David Longoria, Pima CC Dist.; Gladys Christensen, Central AZ CC Dist.

PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: Judy Selberg, Mohave CC Dist.

AADGB MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Hartless, Vice President, Western AZ CC. Dist; Pat McCarver, Yavapai CC Dist.; Richard Matrice, Eastern AZ CC Dist.

CALL TO ORDER: Ginny Handorf called the meeting to order at 10:05 a. m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Gladys Christensen moved to approve the agenda. John Eaton seconded the motion. **APPROVED unanimously.**

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Ginny Handorf introduced Alan Maguire to provide information on the Arizona Community College Presidents Council proposal to form an Arizona Community Colleges Coordinating Council. Mr. Maguire compared the proposed council to the Arizona League of Cities, an organization that achieved recognition in the State Legislature and Governor's Office as a voice for Arizona cities. He said that communities lack such a voice and that the Coordinating Council Director would provide a "single presence or voice" for all community college districts.

In addition, while the Coordinating Council would reflect common interests of each district, it would recognize the sovereignty of each governing board. If districts agree to form the council, the move would mitigate the need for the State Legislature to form such an entity, thus providing independence for community college districts. The council would also provide a neutral voice for conflicts among districts. The council chart shows the ten district governing boards as advisory to the Board of Presidents (also Board of Directors), with a management Committee (current ACCPC officers) advising an Executive Director of the ACCCC.

Other employees include an Administrative Director, an Administration Assistant, a Reporting Analyst, and a Government Affairs Director. The chart shows College Business Officers, College Academic Officers, and Other College Groups interacting with the Administrative Director. The AADGB is shown as having an interactive relationship with the Administrative Director as well. Alan Maguire reported that Bill Sims, an attorney, had volunteered to help write legal documents for the ACCCC *pro bono*.

The calendar for developing the council calls for a “formal creation” in October and a “formal adoption” by the district governing boards in November. Funds to support the ACCCC would come from district budgets. The annual ACCCC budget is estimated to be between \$250,000 and \$300,000, with Maricopa and Pima contributing the major share. In discussion, there was some agreement about our having a common voice, but also some concern about protecting interests of rural districts. In addition, there was concern about the role of the AADGB, with a suggestion that our organization meet when the Arizona Community College Presidents Association meets in order for AADGB members to keep abreast of activities of the ACCCC.

Regarding district costs, John Eaton mentioned a Michigan council that levied a common rate among community college districts and a second rate based on FTSE. Ginny Handorf expressed concern about the authority of the AADGB.

Alan Maguire said that the ACCPC members were generally favorable to the idea and that they would meet the following week to discuss forming the ACCCC. AADGB members were encouraged to visit with their presidents to prepare for a possible vote by their governing boards.

MINUTES: Nat White moved, John Eaton seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes of June 11, 2012. **APPROVED unanimously.**

AADGB WEBSITE: No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Doyle Burke reported a balance in the checking account of \$23,277.51.

DISCUSSION: GILA COUNTY GOVERNING BOARD REPRESENTATION: Members discussed the invitation of representatives from both Gila County and Santa Cruz county as non-voting members. Both counties have elected boards that set tax rates, although both counties contract for educational services with other districts. Reportedly, the ACCPC has agreed that the provisional districts might have non-voting representation. Ginny Handorf will check with the board chairs of Eastern and Cochise to determine their perspective. Members agreed that concerns of the provisional districts should be presented through the Eastern CC Dist. and the Cochise CC Dist. representatives. In addition, Nat White was commissioned to provide language in the by-laws to reflect provisional non-voting membership for Gila and Santa Cruz

representatives. Otherwise, ADGB members expressed willingness to add members from Gila and Santa Cruz as non-voting members.

DISCUSSION: BOARD TRAINING: Doyle Burke reported on a discussion with the Arizona School Board Association regarding our collaborating with them when they hold a December Conference to train new ASBA school board members. The elements of training have some overlap (legal and ethical issues). However, the ASBA would provide space if we wanted to hold a separate meeting on community college issues. AADGB members felt that a community college conference in February would allow us to plan a dedicated community college program combined with visits with state legislators. Nat White will collect suggestions for a training program for new board members and for sessions for continuing board members. AADGB members should send program suggestions to Nat White (nwhite@lowell.edu). Doyle Burke will contact local hotels regarding rates and contact Rio Salado College regarding meeting space.

“GETTING AHEAD” REPORT: Nat White reported that the Getting Ahead Committee would hold a meeting in the near future.

NEXT MEETING: the AADGB will meet on Thursday, November 8, at 10:00 a. m. in the Maricopa Community Colleges building.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doyle Burke, Secretary/Treasurer