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ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS

Minutes, September 25, 2014

Maricopa Community Colleges District Conference Room

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

AADGB MEMBERS PRESENT: Lloyd Hammonds (Chair, Coconino District); Doyle Burke (Secretary/Treasurer) Maricopa District); Brenda Even (Pima District), by phone; Dennis Nelson (Cochise District); Gladys Christensen, Central District), by phone; Dale Fitzner, Yavapai District); Maria Chavoya (Arizona Western), by phone; Lance Layton (Graham District); Nat White (Alternate, Coconino District), by phone.

AADGB MEMBERS ABSENT: Ginny Handorf (Navajo District), Judy Selberg (Mohave District).

GUESTS: Sue Nielson (Santa Cruz District), Diana Jennings (USDA Rural Development of Arizona).

CALL TO ORDER: Lloyd Hammonds called the meeting to order at 10:03 a. m. and verified a quorum.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Ms. Sue Nielson of Santa Cruz Provisional Community College attended in place of Marcelino Varona. Ms. Diana Jennings attended to present information about the USDA Rural Development of Arizona.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dale Fitzner moved, Dennis Nelson seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2014. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Doyle Burke reported a balance of \$41,132.77. Lance Layton moved, Dennis Nelson seconded, a motion to approve the report. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ARIZONA PRESENTATION: Ms. Diana Jennings reported that the Agricultural Act of 2014 included community colleges for the first time. Community colleges are now eligible for grants relating to buildings, equipment, and telecommunication, among others. Ms. Jennings gave examples of several grants awarded to Arizona community colleges, including Cochise College, Eastern Arizona College, Central Arizona College, and Arizona Western College—all for distance learning. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be mailed to AADGB members who did not receive the handout.) Ms. Jennings encouraged colleges to submit applications and said that the USDA office would provide an evaluation score sheet for projects. In addition, she said that the Small Business Development Center office at Glendale Community College would assist applications if they had questions about federal guidelines. Ms. Jennings said that the USDA office could also direct applications to other federal agencies for funding. Both Maricopa and Pima may qualify for funding for Strike Force programs, which apply to smaller regional areas near metropolitan centers. Ms. Jennings referred prospective applicants to the USDA website

(<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/AZHome.html>), but warned that viewers may have difficulty finding information. Consequently, she provided a telephone number for her office and for herself (Office: 602-280-8701; Diana Jennings: 602-280-8740) and encouraged applicants to call.

GISS PROPOSAL: Lloyd Hammonds provided a history of discussions regarding a Governance Institute for Student Success and reported on a recent telephone call with Dr. Narcissa Polonio of ACCT that led to an ACCT proposal for Arizona trustees. In summary, the proposal reflects a significant financial commitment from ACCT to assist rural college trustees by waiving the \$5,000 institute fee and by providing some assistance in lodging for a two-day conference on April 24-25. ACCT staff members have contacted college presidents to establish that date. Both the Maricopa Community Colleges District and Pima District were asked to contribute \$5,000 toward the GISS expenses, and Maricopa Community Colleges will provide meeting space for the institute. AADGB was asked to contribute \$2,500 as well. Consequently, the proposal recognizes the financial impact that would have occurred for rural districts to attend and enables trustees to attend at minimal cost. College presidents have been alerted by ACCT and are expected to attend. Brenda Even moved, Dennis Nelson seconded, a motion to approve the proposal and to allocate \$2,500 toward expenses. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET COMMITTEE IDEAS: Lloyd Hammonds presented a handout of ideas generated by the budget committee (composed of Lloyd Hammonds, Gladys Christiansen, and Maria Chavoya).

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Possible Uses of Funds

- A. Board Development Possibilities: GISS, Trustee Responsibilities, Leadership Training
- B. Joint Conference with Presidents
- C. Cash Scholarship for any Community College in AZ
- D. Stipends for AADGB Members to Visit Governing Boards Across the State
- E. ACCCC Executive Director Stipends
- F. Web Site Development
- G. Retreat to Identify Who We Are, Why We Exist, and Where We Are Going with the Assistance of a Facilitator
- H. Co-Hosting Small Business Awards Luncheon with Legislators
- I. Fee Waiver or Fee Reduction for Next Year
- J. Leave it in the Bank

Members raised questions about the scholarship, whether it would be annual and whether it was appropriate. Regarding the ACCCC Director, the purpose would be to report to AADGB and perhaps to fund visits to different boards. No decisions occurred with this presentation. Rather members will study it and discuss options at a subsequent meeting.

STRATEGIC GOALS FOR AADGB: Lloyd Hammonds ask about ways to shape events for our future and about what we could do as a board to improve community colleges in Arizona.

He suggested that we need to establish a mission statement and goals to drive strategic planning. To that end, he proposed a committee to recommend a mission statement and goals for AADGB. Doyle Burke moved, Lance Layton seconded, a motion to establish a Mission Statement Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Chair Hammonds appointed Dennis Nelson (Chair), Maria Chavoya, Lance Layton, and Doyle Burke to the committee. In addition, he will ask Nat White to advise the committee.

NEXT MEETING: Lloyd Hammonds set the next meeting date for Friday, December 5, 2014.

COLLEGIAL SHARING:

Dale Fitzner (Yavapai): Dale reported that the Verde Valley Wine Center had received official certification and that an national rural community college conference was currently taking place at Yavapai College.

Lance Layton (Eastern): Lance reported that the college had created an Alumni Center in the Student Activity Center and that two persons were currently running for election this fall.

Sue Nielson (Santa Cruz): Sue noted a 35 percent increase in enrollment this fall and the introduction of several new science classes in chemistry and physics to support AJEC requirements. Two persons are running for the Santa Cruz Community College Board, one a former president of Cochise College.

Dennis Nelson (Cochise): Dennis reported that the college had recently held a Founder's Day Dinner with the original dean and some original faculty in attendance. He noted that the college had grown from its original 400 students to 14,000 students. Eagle Airline has contracted with the college to train personnel on a flight simulator. Dennis asked whether a statewide distribution list for trustees could be created. Someone questioned whether such a tool would be consistent with open meeting laws.

Maria Chavoya (Arizona Western): Maria said that three board members would attend the ACCT conference in Chicago. AWC has a new Public Safety Building in partnership with other agencies.

Brenda Even (Pima): Brenda noted a recent visit by the Higher Learning Commission. Pima's Board is waiting on their report. The college has a new Provost, Erica Holmes, and two new presidents. Pima is redesigning developmental education and working on a new strategic plan and by-laws for the Board. The college is analyzing both HR and IT for possible regrouping. She asked whether trustees had attended the annual HLC meeting and commented that the experience was an eye-opener.

Lloyd Hammonds (Coconino): According to Lloyd, the CCC to NAU transfer program has its largest enrollment ever (457). The Board is developing a five-year strategic plan based on financial austerity. With the defeat of their override, Coconino had to close the Page Campus and eliminated the SBDC office. Lloyd noted regretfully that the Page Campus served a significant number of Navajo students. Coconino board members will lead a session at the

ACCT conference in Chicago on financing. Coconino's headcount is down slightly, but the FTSE count is up.

Doyle Burke (Maricopa): Doyle mentioned the opening of the new Coyote Center at Chandler-Gilbert Community College, which combines a one-stop enrollment center with athletic facilities (gym, fitness center), and a Veteran's Center. In addition, Maricopa will have two additional board members in January, two elected at large. As many as four new board members could, ostensibly, join the board next year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p. m.

AADGB Treasurer's Report

December 5, 2014

Beginning balance	\$41,132.77
Payment (Café Rio, September 25, 2014 AADGB luncheon)	103.95
Balance	\$40,028.82