

**WETA Board Meeting**  
**Dane County Job Center-Madison**  
**May 14, 2008**

Members Present: Arrionne Beecroft, Carol Burgett, Jon Danforth, Roger Gantzarow, Pat Langreck, Angel Rivera, David Skattum, Monica Snittler, Tony Veeder, and Joy Wiggert

Members Absent: Art Beese, Marlene Duffield, Jim Erlenborn, Robert Evans, Mary Ratz, and O.J. Repins

**Check-In**

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Arrionne Beecroft asked if there were changes needed for the May minutes. No comments. Motion was made to approve by Joy Wiggert and seconded by Jon Danforth. No other discussion followed.

**Financial Update – David (for Mary)**

Mary Ratz was not able to be present today. David gave a brief financial update. Currently, the M & I Money Market account has a total of \$14,482.53. The WETA checking account at Heritage Credit Union has a current balance of \$9,798.30.

**Mini-Conference Update (Roger)**

Roger Gantzarow updated the Board on the progress of the workshops for Job Development for Juvenile Offenders. Art Besse, Glenn Olsen, personnel from the Department of Corrections including Mary Ratz are actively involved in this training. Connie Ferris Bailey will be a presenter.

Current plans call for four workshops around the state. Tentative dates are July 22<sup>nd</sup> at North Central Technical College in Wausau, July 25<sup>th</sup> in Pewaukee at the Workforce Development Center, July 29<sup>th</sup> in Eau Claire at Chippewa Valley Technical College and either June 30 or August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Warner Park Neighborhood Center in Madison. Roger indicated that the announcements have gone out and the responses are coming in especially from other agencies.

**Strategic Plan (Art)**

Art Besse was unable to attend. Strategic Plan discussion will follow when Art returns.

**2008 Annual Conference and Keynotes (Joy)**

Joy Wiggert reported that Zeja Glass, author of *25 Reasons Why Employers Won't Hire You* will be the keynote speaker on Friday and has agreed to do one workshop. Zeja Glass will print extra books to sell at cost to WETA if we wanted

to include them in the conference packet. WETA's cost would be \$2.50 per book. Normally they sell for \$12.95 on Amazon.com. Joy proposed an option to the Board of charging \$5.00 extra on registration fee so that the remaining \$2.50 could be applied towards the WETA Scholarship. Arrionne asked if the Board agreed to having her as a keynoter. Tony Veeder replied by asking if we should have the books printed but not charge the extra that would be applied towards the scholarship. The Board agreed. Tony then asked Joy if she could bring other books to sell. The Board agreed with this idea and felt it would be good to have a variety at the conference to choose.

Joy reported that the Workshop Committee met and came up with the following ideas. There would be a focus on disability with Charlene Dwyer presenting (Marlene responsible); services available for returning veterans (Jon responsible), Re-careering (David); how to help dislocated workers make their money stretch (Marlene); Civil Rights/Intergenerational (Marlene); Entrepreneur for Ex-offenders; SSI Advocacy; Youth Apprenticeship; Assistive Technology (Monica); and Criminal Thinking, DOC, Anna Salter.

Tony Veeder agreed to do 2-3 workshops if needed. Could do something on leadership or conflict management. These could be considered as back-up workshops.

Monica and Arrionne will work on a workshop on Aging and Disability Resource Centers. Tony Veeder asked about Reggie Bicha attending the conference—wasn't sure yet. Tony thought it would be important to mention a few things during the conference about NAWDP (Marlene used to do it).

Joy indicated she would like a list of the presenters and their bios so they can be put on the WETA website. Tony thought we should have a form for presenters. Monica mentioned she has one and will send a copy to Tony, Joy, and Jon. The sheet has information about the presenter and their needs.

Monica will speak with Art and Mary and get details to Joy about the Wednesday session.

Arrionne mentioned the educational scholarship information needs to be updated on the website. Jon said he will update and send to Linda (webmaster). Arrionne felt it was important to have this done soon. Jon indicated the scholarship should be increased to \$1,000 from \$750. No comments.

Board members expressed concern about OWN's Luncheon and who was paying. Monica indicated that OWN does not have the funds to cover lunch. It will have to be part of the registration.

Jon Danforth asked who would be in charge of the scholarship. Arrionne volunteered.

Arrionne want to know what the menu looks like and the cost. Joy will get a copy.

Monica was asked whether OWN will be doing auction. She indicated they will but it won't be very large. Tony Veeder mentioned he had a Monopoly game from Manitowoc that he would donate to OWN. WETA will be host raffle items as well as OWN (quilt).

Marlene reported on the corporate sponsorship. She reported that Kohler will not give us anything and wasn't optimistic. Will research other sponsorship.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment (Arrionne)**

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2008, Dane County Job Center, Madison. The meeting time is 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Arrionne Beecroft. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Snittler, Secretary