

NCCCLRA Executive Committee Conference Call  
Thursday, September 29, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jody Mosteller, Gaston

Deana Guido, Nash

Stephanie Bowers, Pitt

Gail Ambrose, Beaufort

Deborah Ashby, Sandhills

Deborah Foster, Fayetteville

Colleen Turnage, System Office

Suvanida Duangudom, Wake Tech

Cathy Campbell, Craven

Sue Henry, Martin

Libby Stone, Gaston

Susan Williams, Blue Ridge

The meeting was called to order by President, Suvanida Duangudom at 2:37p.m.

Minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Cathy Campbell that the minutes be approved. Deborah Ashby seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Cathy Campbell gave an update on information about the redistricting survey that Michael Rose had sent out to directors and their staff and district representatives. There were a total of fifty respondents from across the state. This was not a huge response. Cathy gave a breakdown of how many respondents had completed the survey from each district.

The main reason given for people not attending district meetings was “district meetings were not held over the past five years.” Seventeen people out of the 50 gave that response.

When asked how people felt about creating more districts, there were varied responses. Some said: “Six districts are enough.” “Attending district meetings has helped morale.” “It’s difficult to fill officers’ positions already.” “The meetings have little value beyond socialization.” Cathy will compile the comments to help us decide if most people want more districts or not.

Deana Guido, Vice President, polled the conference committee about choosing a location for the next NCCCLRA conference. The most popular location choice at this point, is Asheville.

Deana contacted Carol Fleming at Asheville-Buncombe Tech for suggestions of places to hold the conference. Since the meeting is traditionally held during the first week of April, it would still be quite cold in Asheville at that time of the year. Concerns were expressed about the cost of securing a facility in a resort town destination. Several who are planning to attend next week’s conference in Hickory wondered if the next conference could be set later. Libby Stone pointed out that since the NCLA conference was held in October 2011; having the LRA Conference in April of 2012, both events would fall in the same fiscal year. Libby offered that most directors and staff of the community college system would probably prefer that the NCCCLRA conference happen in the “off years” from the NCLA conferences to keep pressure off the

already tight travel budgets. Having two conferences in the same fiscal year will make it difficult or even impossible for many to attend both.

Deana said that she would take the ideas and suggestions back to the conference planning committee. Some suggested Deana look at the end of July as a possible time frame for the conference. This time frame may coincide with Asheville's Bele Chere Festival and there may be a lack of motel availability.

In addition to Asheville, Hendersonville and Greensboro were also mentioned as possible conference sites. Deborah Foster, Treasurer asked what the committee thought people would be willing to pay. Last year's Un-Conference had no vendors and the price was around \$50.00. If we invite vendors, that will reduce the cost. If the cost goes as high as \$75.00, that may be pushing it. We also need to determine if the cost of two continental breakfasts will be included in the cost for a day and a half conference.

Deborah asked if anything had ever been done in Greensboro in conjunction with the library school there. Greensboro convention center is connected to a Sheraton. Sue Henry recently attended a SIRSI meeting here and thought it was nice venue.

It was also pointed out that usually community college facilities are free.

Deana Guido told the group that twelve people have already signed up to meet at the Olde Hickory Tap Room for our informal gathering during the NCLA conference in Hickory on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will gather at 6:30 p.m. to network, and share ideas.

As committee members were leaving, Sue Henry from Martin asked about whether any colleges ever offer an amnesty period for the return of long overdue items. Ideas were exchanged. Some schools offer that option sometime around the Thanksgiving season.

With no further business to discuss, Suvanida adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Ambrose, Secretary