

Arkansas School Counselor's Association
September 8, 2012
Web Based Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Whatley. A roll call was conducted. Present were Susan Whatley, Lynn Murray, Susie Harvison, Deb Drake, Angie Gill, Chris Riggins, Betty Welch, Roger Palmer, Kim Smith, Denise Rogers, Tahnee Bowen, Robin Finley, Rebekah Cruse, Alicia Donner and Mickey Johnson and. Sheri Neil was unable to attend due to storm and power issues. Scott Sasser, Jolene Sanders, Cathy Edmunds, Johnna McMurry were conducting ACT testing.

II. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given by Susie Harvison. The transfer of responsibilities from our previous treasurer, Trena Mitchell, and our current treasurer, Susie Harvison, have led to some issues with Centennial Bank and their reluctance to release all of ArSCA's account accessibility. Rebekah Cruse made the motion that prior to legal action with the past ArSCA treasurer, Trena Mitchell, we will copy meeting notes explaining bank position and ArSCA position regarding transfer of account balance to Susie Harvison, ArSCA Treasurer, and Susan Whatley, ArSCA President. The motion was seconded by Tahnee Bowen. The motion carried by a majority vote.

III. Membership and Data Base

- A. Some ideas were discussed on ways to increase membership. All help in this area will be appreciated.
- B. Toni Thorn needs everyone's help in updating the data base.

IV. Refunds

Motion was made by Debbie Drake to refund Linda Hines her registration less the \$25.00 handling fee from the summer conference. Linda had registered for the conference but was unable to attend. The motion was seconded by Tahnee Bowen. The motion carried. Four other refunds were already granted but this one was not received by the deadline and needed to be acted on separately.

- V. Susan Whatley, Toni Thorn, Betty Ruth Welch, Roger and other representatives from counseling education programs across the state met with Ron Tolson, Arkansas Department of Education Licensure, and Mark White, ADE Attorney on August 28th. Suggestions were made regarding the proposed changes to licensure and ancillary "clinical counselor" license. You may wish to go to the ArSCA or ADE website and read the pending rules revised. The pending rule is Educator Licensure (with Repeal of Existing Licensure Rules). September 17 is the end date for public comments. Mark White is the public comment contact name. Public comment contact email is ADE.RulesComments@arkansas.gov. After the public comment period, ADE looks at comments to determine what changes if any to make. It then goes to State Board for approval in October. It is then sent to legislature. Comments will be submitted on

behalf of ArSCA. Everyone is encouraged to submit public comments. Recruit other counselors, administrators, teachers, family members in your regions to submit comments. As always, please keep comments professional and positive. All comments will be public record.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting will be on September 29 somewhere in the Little Rock area. Details are forthcoming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Murray