

Mississippi Early Childhood Association Business Meeting via Zoom October 6, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President April May at 6:02pm.

**Minutes:** Judy Prine read the minutes of the Zoom meeting September 16, 2021, as April shared her screen. Minutes were presented as read due to lack of quorum.

**Financial Report:** April shared the report presented by Morgan Flournoy – financial officer. The checking account \$56,696.76 which was an increase from 2021, as stated in 2021 business meeting minutes \$54,135.58.

Membership: Christi Littlejohn reported current membership of 308 members.

**Conference for 2021:** January 24 - February 11, 2021 - Read to Me Mississippi, a virtual literacy conference. April thanked Tunga Otis for her work of coordinating the conference and Bob Clay for technical assistance.

Annual Conference entitled Optimistic Outlook was cancelled due to circumstances beyond the associations control. Refunds have been reimbursed to individuals who preregistered through Event Brite.

New Board Members: April welcomed new board members.

**Nominations:** Bridget Robinson thanked board members for their assistance for helping each out to interested individuals. As of October 6, 2022 – the slate is:

President Elect-	Tunga Otis
2nd Vice President	Christi Littlejohn
	Tara Dickerson
3rd Vice President	Liz Thorne
	Windy Faulkner

Northeast MAL-	Heather Martin
	Shirley White
Southeast MAL-	Daphne Stevens
	Emileigh Stiger
Southwest MAL-	Tammy Rutland
	Jowanda Magee
Southwest Central MA	AL- Leigh Sargent
	Lori Windham
	Robin Windham

If you know anyone else interested, please email Bridget. The deadline for candidate information is October 15, 2022. Voting will be open November 10 through midnight November 12, 2022

**SECA update**: Judy Prine shared that the SECA President Elect is Crystal Campbell. The acceptance letters for conference proposals have notified via email. Conference will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 2-4, 2023, and Gena Puckett will be the new SECA representative from Mississippi.

**Presidents Farewell:** April May thanked everyone for all the calls, emails, and continuous support of this unusual year.

<u>New MsECA President:</u> Dr. Laura Harry thanked April for year as President and the gavel will be exchanged at the meeting on October 8, 2023, at the Tradition campus of William Carey University

Adjourn: The motion was made to adjourn at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Prine Secretary 2023-2024