

WVASCOE Annual Meeting  
May 19, 2006  
Oglebay Park, Wheeling

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Keith Richmond called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. and welcomed all.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Secretary Melodie Bailey took roll call. There were 8 members, 2 guests in attendance at the meeting. Those attendance were: Keith Richmond, President; Patti McDowell, Past President; Melodie Bailey, Secretary; Rebecca Cain, Treasurer; Bonnie Heinzman, NASCOE Vice-President; Wayne McKeever, Laura Martin, & Cristy Jones.

**3. ACTION ON 2005 MINUTES**

The 2005 Executive Minutes and Annual Meeting minutes were provided for review. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published. Motion carried.

**4. REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Rebecca Cain presented the Treasurer's Report. Copies were provided to those present. The ending balance as of May 19, 2006 was \$5103.46. It was noted that approximately \$2876.13 will be added to the account once established with the new treasurer and past Treasurer Linda Largent transfers the money. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Audit/Budget** – Due to the retirement of past Treasurer Linda Largent, records are still in the process of being transferred and updated. Therefore, no audit/budget report was available.

**Awards/Scholarships** – Rebecca presented the Awards/Scholarship Report. One scholarship application was received from Jennifer Williams, daughter of PT Vickey Neel (Greenbrier). One DSA nomination for Service to NASCOE was also received this year. Keith Richmond nominated Patti McDowell who was both the Northeast Area and the National Award Winner.

**Benefits** – No benefits report available. However, it was noted that benefits information is provided on the web page.

**By-Laws** – A by-laws report had been provided by Jeff Thorn. The following changes had been recommended. Wayne McKeever also commented about the proposed changes.

#### **Article IV-Officers, Delegates, and Elections**

**Section 4 - From:** Nomination of candidates for the offices of the Association shall be by a Nominating Committee. The committee shall present at least one nominee for each office; Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted.

**To :** Nomination of candidates for the offices of the Association shall be by mail to the Nominating Committee. Nominees for the Offices shall be limited to members in good standing. Nominations shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee no later than 60 days before the annual convention each calendar year. If no nomination for an office is received, the Nominating Committee shall complete the slate with one nominee for each office.

**Section 5 - From:** Election of officers shall be by written ballot if more than one candidate is nominated for each office.

**To:** Election of officers shall be by written, mail ballot. The Nominating Committee will mail a ballot to each member in good standing no later than 30 days before the annual convention of each calendar year.

**Section 6 - From:** Each member shall be privileged to cast one vote for each elective office to be filled.

**To:** Each member shall be privileged to cast one vote for each elective office to be filled. Voted ballots shall be returned/postmarked to the Nominating Committee Chairperson no later than 15 days before the annual convention. If the Nominating Committee Chairperson is unable to complete these duties the Nominating Committee will select an acting chairperson from the remaining members of the committee. Voted ballots will be tabulated by the Nominating Committee. Write-in votes will be considered valid and will be counted. All ballots must be signed by the member to be considered valid. The results of the election will be announced at the annual meeting.

#### **Article V – Meetings and Quorums**

**Section 5 – From:** A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of said Board.

**To:** A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a **simple** majority of said Board.

## **Article VII – Committees**

**Section 1** – From: All committees shall be appointed by the President except the Nominating Committee.

To: All committees **members** shall be appointed by the President except the Nominating Committee.

## **Article VIII – Finances**

**Section 1** – From: The annual dues of this Association shall be **set** by the current Board of Directors based on the fiscal year July 1 to June 30, subject to approval of the membership at the annual state convention.

To: The annual dues of this Association shall be **recommended** by the current Board of Directors based on the fiscal year July 1 to June 30, subject to approval of the membership at the annual state convention.

The changes were discussed and a motion made and seconded to update the by-laws as recommended. Motion carried.

**Legislative** – Wayne touched briefly on FSA Tomorrow. Keith discussed the legislative visit made in February to DC. He informed the group that members of congress had asked for information on the lime & fertilizer program.

PAC was briefly discussed and is very much needed.

Other items discussed were the need for new programs, animal ID, and bio-energy.

**Membership** – Rebecca presented the membership report. It was noted that there were 52 members out 57 for a total of 91.2% with District 1 at 95%, District 2 at 86%, and District 3 at 81%. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

**Publicity**- Melodie discussed publicity. Following were the results of the publicity contest for the 2005 contest year:

Best Newsletter: West Virginia-Melodie Bailey, Editor  
Best Newsletter -Honorable Mention -Delaware/Maryland  
Best Single Issue December 2005 -West Virginia  
Best Feature Story—Human Interest- “A Retirement Message to Evilene Beverage” by Patty Triplett  
Best Feature Story—Humor (Also National Winner)-“Why Laugh” by Melodie Bailey  
Best Website -West Virginia—Melodie Bailey, Webmaster

Motion made and seconded to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

**Nominating** – A nominating committee report was submitted by Patti McDowell. The list of nominees was as follows:

President:	Keith Richmond
Vice-President:	Rebecca Cain
Secretary:	Melodie Bailey
Treasurer:	Edna White

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee Report as submitted. Motion carried.

## 5. **PRESIDENT REPORT**

Nothing new to report. Keith expressed his appreciation for all the work that members put into WVASCOE. Bonnie Heinzman also expressed to the group how proud she was of Keith and how well he represents WV as NEA Alternate Executive since he has had to fill in.

## 6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Action between meetings – Keith had contacted the WVASCOE officers about donating \$50 to New Jersey to help with the start-up of their state association. All officers were in agreement to donate the \$50. It was reported that Maryland also made a donation of \$50.00 and NASCOE was going to send them \$25.00.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers** - The slate of nominees was presented to the membership.

Keith Richmond had been submitted by the Nominating Committee for the office of President. The floor was opened for additional nominations for President. None were presented. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations and elect Keith as President by acclamation. Motion carried.

Rebecca Cain had been submitted by the Nominating Committee for the office of Vice-President. The floor was opened for additional nominations for Vice-President. None were presented. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations and elect Rebecca as Vice-President by acclamation. Motion carried.

Melodie Bailey had been submitted by the Nominating Committee for the office of Secretary. The floor was opened for additional nominations for Secretary. None were presented. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations and elect Melodie as Secretary by acclamation. Motion carried.

Edna White had been submitted by the Nominating Committee for the office of Treasurer. The floor was opened for additional nominations for Treasurer. None were presented. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations and elect Edna as Treasurer by acclamation. Motion carried.

*Election of Delegates and Alternates to National Convention (Ohio)* –

Nominations were received and a motion was made and seconded to send Keith Richmond and Rebecca Cain as Delegates to the National Convention. Motion carried. Nominations were received and a motion was made and seconded to elect Melodie Bailey as 1<sup>st</sup> alternate and Patti McDowell as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate to the National Convention. Motion carried.

*Election of Delegates and Alternates to Northeast Area Rally (Maine)* –

Nominations were received and a motion was made and seconded to send Keith Richmond as Delegate to the Northeast Area Rally in 2007 in Maine. Motion carried. Nominations were received and a motion was made and seconded to elect Rebecca Cain as alternate to the Northeast Area Rally. Motion carried.

*Election of District Directors and Alternates* – District Directors and Alternates were elected as follows:

	District Director	Alternate
District #1	Josh Lewis Laura Martin	Laura Meadows Carolyn Gaylor
District #2	Wayne McKeever Carla Pratt	John Hall Lisa Delaney
District #3	Vera Page Carla Wiley	Eric McCartney Denise Thompson

**Honorary Life Members**

The following names were submitted to be accepted as honorary life members:

Connie Yost, Kathy Miller, Joan Smith, Charolette Saunders, Mary Lynn Bechtle, Chris Farhatt, Ron Spencer, Evilene Beverage, Norman Ahern, and Sewell Priest.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the above as honorary life members. Motion carried.

Linda Largent and Shela McComsey were also submitted. However, records have to be reviewed to determine eligibility. Action will be taken once eligibility is determined.

### **Dues**

A motion was made and seconded to leave the dues rate as is. Motion carried.

### **Incentive to Attend National Convention**

As an incentive to become more involved a motion was made and seconded to pay up to 5 people \$200.00 each to attend the National Convention with the stipulation that they attend the entire convention. This based on a first-come first-serve basis. Motion carried.

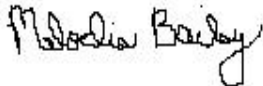
### **Remarks**

Patti again expressed appreciation and noted the outstanding job Keith has done.

## **8. ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Submitted by:



Melodie Bailey, WVASCOE Secretary