

EDUCATIONAL APPROVAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 18, 2008
10:30 a.m.

Madison Media Institute
2702 Agriculture Drive
Madison, WI

Members Present: Christy L. Brown (via teleconference) Michael Cooney, Joe Heim, Jo Oyama-Miller, Rick Raemisch, and Monica Williams

Members Absent: Terry Craney

Others Present: David Dies, Linda Heidtman and Blanca James, EAB; Peter Pavone, Bryant & Stratton College; David George, DeVry University; Tom Kosel and Shana Weiss, Globe University; Don Madelung, Herzing College; Michael J. Kranzusch and Michael Witte, ITT Technical Institute-Green Bay; Christopher Hutchings and Jennifer Trendel, Madison Media Institute; George Fogel, Rasmussen College; Deb Anderson, Springfield College; Brianna Houlihan and Dave Steffen, University of Phoenix; Fritz Oppenlander, Upper Iowa University; Brian Elliott and Michael Rogowski, Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek SC

The chair of the Educational Approval Board (EAB), Michael Cooney, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. A motion (Oyama-Miller, Williams) to approve the board minutes of June 12, 2008 was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Heim arrived at 10:40 a.m.

The board stood informal as Christopher Hutchings, president of Madison Media Institute lead a tour of the facilities. The tour concluded at 11:24 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Madelung, President of Herzing College, complimented the board members for taking time from their busy schedules to come to an EAB-approved school. He pointed out that this gives board members more of a background as to what schools do and better understanding of issues presented to the board.

Ms. Brown joined the meeting via teleconference at 11:36 a.m.

BOARD STATUS REPORT

Mr. Cooney noted that the Board Status Report is replacing the Executive Secretary's Report and asked Mr. Dies to give a few highlights. Mr. Dies pointed out that the change evolved from the EAB's strategic plan's new goal of enhancing the role board members play in

executing its statutory responsibilities; and the new format better reflects the fact that board members have ownership of EAB activities. Mr. Dies briefly summarized several of the items contained in the report. He elaborated on the EAB's annual approved school conference that will take place on November 13. Board members were updated on the status of the 2009 school renewal process and provided information on new reporting requirements that were implemented this year.

SCHOOL APPROVAL ISSUES

Mr. Cooney introduced the school approval issues paper and indicated that a motion for the approval of items "A" through "I" of the attached School Activity Report would be appropriate following any discussion. Ms. Oyama-Miller requested that a school description be provided for new schools in the attached administrative actions report. Mr. Dies said this could be done in the future by using information contained in the EAB database. He also indicated that site visits conducted via teleconference could be noted.

A motion (Heim, Williams) to approve items A through I of the School Activity Report for the period of May 29, 2008 through September 10, 2008 was approved unanimously.

2009-11 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Mr. Dies summarized the EAB's budget request that was submitted to the Department of Administration based on the board's action at its June meeting. EAB staff developed a single Decision Item Narrative (DINs) for the three 0.5 FTE positions being requested. Mr. Dies said he has communicated with administration officials during the past few months about the budget request and has shared information verbally to supplement the DINs. Board members were encouraged to have contact with the administration officials, including the Governor's office, to offer their support for the request.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Oyama-Miller, Heim) to adjourn was unanimously approved at 12:19 p.m.