



Development District Association of Appalachia
Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
January 29, 2010

Call to Order

President Sharon Gardner (MS) called the meeting (via conference call) to order at 11:20 a.m.

Roll Call

Secretary Danny Lewis (GA) called roll and thereby a quorum was established. Ten (10) of the thirteen (13) ARC states were represented.

Attendance

Those in attendance were as noted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Present (Y/N)</u>
Sharon Gardner	President	Y
Eric Bridges	1 st Vice President	Y
Steve Pelissier	2 nd Vice President	Y
Jim Mylott	Treasurer	N
W. Danny Lewis	Secretary	Y
Keith Jones	Immediate Past President	N
Bob Culver	Alabama	Y
Jim Dove	Georgia	Y
Sherry McDavid	Kentucky	N
Leanne Mazer	Maryland	N
Rudy Johnson	Mississippi	Y
Bob Augenster	New York	Y
Rick Herndon	North Carolina	Y
Misty Casto	Ohio	Y
Ed Silveti	Pennsylvania	Y
Steve Pelissier	South Carolina	Y
Susan Reid	Tennessee	Y
Michelle Craig	West Virginia	N
Wayne Strickland	Virginia	Y

Also present during all or part of the session was:

Dan Neff – ARC

Reports

ARC Report

Dan Neff gave an overview of ARC. It is uncertain if Mr. Earl Gohl may be confirmed by the conference time due to Congress' schedule. This could affect the schedule of the conference. Eric Bridges suggested that we attempt to bring in a back-up speaker in case his confirmation does not come in on schedule.

Mr. Neff discussed the Appalachian Development Initiative, which is a White House initiative. A number of hearings will be scheduled throughout the region. These hearings are by invitation only and regional in nature. Ms. Anne Pope is still in the ARC office signing documents as requested. Mr. Neff gave a summary of what is currently happening at ARC.

ARC Training

Misty Casto gave an update on the upcoming training sessions.

Humanitarian Award Report

Eric Bridges reported that two (2) nominations for the Humanitarian Award were received from Ohio and West Virginia. Mr. Bridges will resend this information by email for everyone to vote.

Conference Update

Mr. Bridges reported that he feels good about the content and theme for the Annual Conference. He complimented Dan Neff and Vicki Glass for their support and arrangements for the meeting. There are 171 registered at this point and more are expected.

Awards

Susan Reid gave a report on the Whisman Award. There were four (4) nominations and the Committee recommended Ms. Peggy Satterly for the John Whisman Award for 2010. A motion was made by Ms. Reid to approve this recommendation and was seconded by Bob Culver. The vote was unanimous.

Keith Jones gave a report on the Congressional Award. Senator Robert Casey from Pennsylvania and Congressman Lincoln Davis from Tennessee have been recommended. This information will be emailed to the Board to vote on.

Misty Casto discussed letterhead, pens and lapel pins. A motion was made by Eric Bridges and seconded by Bob Augenstern for Ms. Casto to proceed with this and have these items ready for the Annual Conference. Vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.