



**Minutes from the MACTE Meeting  
MDE 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
May 1, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Blackbourn, President.

Members in attendance: Richard Blackbourn, MSU; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Leslie Griffin, DSU; Sue Jolly-Smith, MUW; Don Locke, Miss. College; David Hand, Belhaven; Pamela Russ, Tougaloo; Lula Collier, MSVU; Melinda Butler, Alcorn State; Susan McClellan, UM; Janetta Waddell, Blue Mt.; and Dr. Susan Lee, IHL representative.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved with one correction noted; the ACT sub-score requirement is pending board approval. Dr. Locke made the motion and Dr. Jolly-Smith seconded.

The treasurer's report was presented by Debbie Burson. Two institutions have not paid annual dues. Discussion followed on ways MACTE should use its funds available. Some suggestions included lobbyist fees and retreat.

Plaques were provided to each institution in recognition of the 2014-2015 Outstanding Interns.

**MDE Update:**

Dr. Cerissa Neal was not in attendance, but she sent word that there were no updates beyond those items addressed during the Licensure Commission meeting.

**Updates from IHL presented by Dr. Susan Lee:**

- Dr. Blackbourn began by expression appreciation to Dr. Lee for the work she does and how much the IHLs appreciate her support. Dr. Lee shared that she was pleased that she and Dr. Neal were able to visit all institutions and expressed appreciation to each for their openness.
- Dr. Glenn Boyce is now the new IHL Commissioner. Dr. Lee shared that he will continue to engage with EPPs.
- The Education Achievement Council will work to capture the actual number of graduates we have in the state. There will be a need for non-public institutions to help.
- The 2012 goal of 10K college graduates was met; 10,418 graduates were approved for this year. Dr. Lee has a list of speakers for all commencements. Email her if you want a copy
- RFP for external evaluations can be sent digitally.

**Other business items included:**

- June 4<sup>th</sup> is the date for pre retreat. Place suggestions were discussed. Dr. Jolly mentioned Plymouth Bluff outside of Columbus
- Dr. Locke recommended keeping the retreat informal with main emphasis to be on in-house concerns as related to CAEP and the state's agreement. It was noted approximately 37 states have yet to sign agreements with CAEP.
- Dr. Blackburn shared that Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith will be retiring after 40 years of service. Retirement date set for July 1.
- Nominating committee will need to seek recommendations for president-elect.

There being no other items of business brought forward, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Blackburn.

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Burson, Secretary/Treasurer