



**Minutes from the MACTE Meeting  
IHL Board Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
January 8, 2016**

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

Members in attendance: Richard Blackbourn, MSU; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Ann Blackwell, USM; Ben Burnett, William Carey; Pamela Russ, Tougaloo College; Daniel Watkins, JSU; Leslie Griffin, DSU; Marty Hatton, MUW; Don Locke, Miss. College; David Hand, Belhaven; K. Lula Collier, MSVU; David Rock, UM; Janetta Waddell, Blue Mt.; Susan Lee, IHL representative.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. The motion for approval was made by Dr. Griffin; a second was made by Dr. Russ.

The treasurer's report was presented by Dr. Burson.

MACTE will recognize outstanding interns in conjunction with MDE. This will be April 14, 2016. Follow-up for exact details pertaining to the event will be done with MDE

Dr. Rock shared the new MACTE website. He went through an overview of the website and shared its designed and an overview of how it works. He requested input on the images for the homepage. He highlighted the sections for news articles and events. Members should submit articles for the website to Dr. Rock. Everyone was encouraged to review the website and submit changes/edits to him.

Discussion followed regarding the accessibility and use of the website:

- Dr. Lee mentioned that the Rise-Up website has the program information for all IHLs public and private
- Dr. Rock said that he will have the information on MACTE mirror Rise-up, or put a link to Rise-up on MACTE website
- Dr. Rock proposed a payment of 1500 for the web development with a stipend quarterly of 250-300 to be paid to the web-tech, permanent employee at UM.
- Dr. Locke motioned the 1500 be paid; Dr. Burnett seconded the motion; motion was approved.
- Dr. Locke motioned for Dr. Rock to negotiate with web developer to establish an annual contract for maintenance; Dr. Hatton seconded. With no discussion the motion was approved.
- MACTE site is not hosted at IHL but at UM. If site is hosted through IHL it would have to have the IHL template.
- Concern for how the site will be housed on permanent basis. MACTE does not want to use the AACTE hosting site because this would require using their template and advertising their message.

- Dr. Locke motioned for the MACTE site to be housed at UM for a minimum of two years with a review to take place 6 months prior to end of term to determine future housing of site, January of 2018. Dr. Griffin seconded. With no discussion the motion was approved.
- Concerns were brought forward regarding oversight of what is posted. Dr. Watkins suggested going through the MACTE president. All agreed there should be oversight for content posted. It was suggested to have an advisory committee of members to vet any questionable items before they are made public.
- Dr. Rock introduced the Twitter page for MACTE @msacte.

**MDE Updates and Discussions:** MDE representatives were not in attendance.

- Concerns were brought forward regarding the change in personnel at MDE. MACTE needs to be informed of the appropriate personnel to contact regarding licensure matters.
- It was shared that Dr. Albert Carter would be the new contact at MDE.
- Concerns were brought forward regarding the leadership at MDE and the capacity to provide support during CAEP accreditation.
- Others in leadership include: Dr. J. P. Beaudoin, Dr. Walt Drane, and Mr. Michael Martin.
- Concerns were brought forward regarding licensure processing. Some institutions have noticed different licenses being issued for candidates with the same credentials.

**IHL Updates and Discussions:**

- Dr. Lee shared 12 institutes for summer were approved by IHL. However, ESSA will eliminate institutes after this term.
- She stated that Dr. Kim Benton, Chief Academic Officer has requested to attend MACTE meetings to provide information from her division.
- Dr. Lee has requested a meeting with Dr. J. P. Beaudoin, Dr. Blackbourn, and Dr. Rock to discuss licensure concerns.

**Other items:**

- Next meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup>. Superintendents will attend, and Kelly Butler will present research findings from the Barksdale Literacy Institute.
- Dr. Griffin is on the Board for MAPE. MAPE is offering a discount for membership to the organization. MAPE gives a Governor's Award each spring and a Winter/Reed Award in fall. Membership is an academic year.
- Dr. Blackwell gave an update on the status of the state-wide assessments MACTE is developing. More information will be forthcoming via email from Dr. Blackbourn.

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Blackbourn.

\*\*Lunch was provided by Dr. Lee and IHL.

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Burson, Secretary/Treasurer