

ALPEJA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

October 16, 2008

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees convened its regular meeting on October 16, 2008, in the Board Room, 400 Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center, on the College campus.

Call to Order

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: John Briggs, Mark Ferguson, Joseph Gentry II, Lisa Hilberg, Florence Stibitz, and Thomas Townsend. Dr. Judith Grenkowicz arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Briggs led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Townsend that the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of special meeting proceedings for October 9, 2008.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowicz, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Appointed Member Hilberg was not seated at this point and did not vote on the approval of the agenda.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

The following guests signed the register: Crystal Nelsen, The Alpena News; Dan Tuuri, ACC faculty; Mr., and Mrs. Al Smith; Dick Sutherland, ACC; Dorothy Zarske, ACC Student Senate President; Jay Walterreit, ACC; Jeff Kowalski, ACC student; Nate Grueter, ACC Student; Mike Hamilton, GEAR-Youth in Action; Marva Smith; Julie Robarge, ACC faculty; Sue Weathers, ACC staff; Mary Beth Stutzman, ACC staff; Phil Straley, Straley Ilsley & Lamp, P.C.; Mark

Sandula, Straley Ilsley & Lamp, P.C.; Gary A. Dawley, Independent Bank; and Carl Bourdelais, SBTDC at ACC.

### Communication(s)

Chairman Briggs read Paul Wegmeyer's letter of resignation from the Board. He also reviewed a letter from Bob Case, one of the candidates recently interviewed for the Trustee position.

### Board Member and Subcommittee Report(s)

Member Townsend reviewed the last meeting of the Property Subcommittee and reported on the following: proposed disc golf activity, engineer's assessment of facilities, and potential addition to WCCT. President Joynton indicated the November Board packets will include his recommendation for capital outlay.

### Faculty Report

Faculty member Dan Tuuri presented the faculty report for the month.

### Student Report

Student Senate President Dorothy Zarske updated the Board on Student Senate activities.

### President's Report

Independent Bank officer Gary Dawley spoke on behalf of the Small Business and Technology Development Center.

Students Jeff Kowalski and Nate Grueter discussed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the proposed disc golf course on ACC's campus.

The President's Report is attached as it was presented.

### ***Action Items***

#### 2.434 Seating of Trustee to Fill Unexpired Term

Moved by Member Townsend that the Board of Trustees welcomes Lisa Hilberg to the Board of Trustees to serve the unexpired term of Paul Wegmeyer beginning on October 18, 2008, and concluding on December 31, 2009, and invites Probate Judge Tom Lacrosse to administer the Oath of Office.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowitz, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Member Hilberg was not seated at this point in the agenda and did not vote on the motion.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.435 Election of Vice Chair of Board of Trustees

Moved by Member Gentry that the Board of Trustees elects Thomas Townsend Vice Chair to replace resigning Vice Chair Paul Wegmeyer.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowicz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.439 Election of Treasurer of Board of Trustees

A new action item became apparent when Treasurer Thomas Townsend was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Moved by Member Townsend that the Board of Trustees elects Joseph Gentry II as the Treasurer of the Board to replace former Treasurer Thomas Townsend.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowicz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.436 Resolution of Appreciation

Moved by Member Townsend that the attached resolution for resigning Board member Paul Wegmeyer be adopted.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowicz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.437 Acceptance of Independently Audited Financial Statements

Moved by Member Grenkowicz that the Board of Trustees accepts the Financial Report and approves the fiscal year 2008 audit as submitted by Straley, Ilsley, & Lamp, P.C., and commends all parties for their dialogue and exactness in assuring the audit has been produced in full compliance with state law and the new principles of accounting as adopted by G.A.S.B. It is

further noted that appropriate officials at the College are directed to communicate the results of this important process to all interested parties.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowitz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

#### 2.438 Bids; Huron Shores Furniture

The Board instructed the President to contact local vendors to follow-up on why they didn't submit a bid.

Moved by Member Townsend that the Board accepts the bid from Dew-el Corporation, of Holland, Michigan, for 140 Global Task armless chairs, Model 2239-6, at a price of \$14,985, and 77 Mitchell Saturna 70 series adjustable height tables at a price of \$17,771.60 for a total price of not more than \$32,756.60.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowitz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

### ***Information Items***

#### 3.611 Financial Report (through September 2008)

Vice President Richard Sutherland answered questions regarding the Financial Report. Reference was made to Jay Wortley's report from the recent MCCA meeting. It was agreed that property taxes and how they are configured would be a topic for the retreat in January.

#### 3.612 Personnel Report

The Personnel Report showed two additions/replacements, Gary Hollingsworth and Rodney Stepanski; no resignations; one retirement, Richard Grochowski; and no others.

#### 3.613 Gifts and Grants Report

The Gifts and Grants Report showed the attached activity.

### New Business

None

Suggested Future Agenda Items

None

Next Regular Meeting

November 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth L. Spragg  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Paul Wegmeyer was appointed to the office to fill the vacancy created when Susan Wilson resigned effective December 31, 1994. Mr. Wegmeyer was elected to the Board of Trustees of Alpena community College on November 7, 1995, and was returned to the Board when he stood for election on November 4, 2003, providing exemplary service during his entire tenure as a Board member.

WHEREAS, through this entire 13-year period his vision for this community's college has guided his decisions and shaped his prudent counsel, demonstrating commitment to the philosophy and goals of Alpena Community College;

WHEREAS, his leadership on the Board has greatly enhanced and expanded services to make Alpena Community College truly both a place to start and to continue a citizen's quest for lifelong education and to send the College's students out into the world better prepared to make a difference;

WHEREAS, his counsel was crucial to the recruitment and nurturing of the current leadership components of the College to assure that the College worked diligently to fully use scarce taxpayer resources to improve the overall quality of life for area residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as Paul Wegmeyer leaves the area to pursue new avenues of service, this Board officially and unanimously commends him for these thirteen (13) years of service and bestows upon him the designation of Trustee Emeritus to recognize the multitude of direct benefits to our College, its students, and our community-at-large that have occurred as a result of his dedicated service.

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John E. Briggs, Chairman of the Board

Date: October 16, 2008

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Olin H, Joynton, President

Date: October 18, 2008

### 3.613 **Gifts and Grants Report**

This report reflects the following activity for pledges and gifts received between September 4, 2008, and September 30, 2008.

Ms. Marie Abril  
ACC Faculty Council  
Alpena Boosters Club  
Alpena Ice-Diggers  
Alpena Regional Medical Center  
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Anderson  
Anonymous  
ATI Casting Service  
B & T Investments  
Ball Tire & Gas, Inc.  
Bannan Funeral Home, Inc.  
Mr. & Mrs. Max Bartlett  
Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Beck  
Jim & Penny Boldrey  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brindley  
Ms. Dorothy Carr  
Dan Schultz Contracting, LLC  
Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Davis  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas DesRocher  
The Drug Store  
Mr. Kenneth Dzieszinski  
Lori Dzieszinski  
Ellen Eagan  
The Forst Foundation  
Fraternal Order of Police  
Gillard, Bauer, Mazrum, Florip, Smigelski & Gulden  
Nan Hall  
Deborah Hautau  
The Headache & Pain Center  
Phil Heath  
Mrs. Anne Hood  
Gregory Humbracht  
Huron Distributors, Inc.  
Ann Huston  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Huston  
Independent Bank  
J & J Garden Center  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Jensen  
Olin & Patricia Joynton  
Audrey Julian  
David Karschnick  
G. Lee Kirkpatrick  
Vicky Kropp  
William LaHaie  
Jewel Lancaster  
Lincoln Investment Planning

Max Lindsay  
Mrs. Betty Ludlow  
Tom Ludwig  
Don MacMaster  
Vicki McCoy  
Mike McMasters  
Bill Matzke  
Katherine Meharg  
Scott Michaud  
Evelyn Michiels  
Michigan Confidential Document Destruction  
Joan Misiak  
Michael Misiak  
Ronald Misiak  
Timothy Muszynski  
Pepsi Bottling Group  
Joe & Mary Ann Pernie  
Rodney's Hunting Service  
Ed Retherford  
Michael Roy  
Mary Schulke  
John & Nancy Seguin  
Roy Smith  
Eric Smith  
Lisa Snyder  
Subway Crossroads Plaza  
Philip Sweet  
Kevin Sylvester  
William Talaski  
Carolyn Thomas  
Kim Thompson  
Thunder Bay Accounting  
Thunder Bay Therapy & Sports Medicine  
Dan Tuuri  
Denis J. Walterreit  
Suzanne Weathers  
Weinkauf Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
Yvonne White  
Charles & Julie Wiesen  
Wal-Mart  
Wolverine Power Coop.

**Total Donors: 87**

**Total Gifts: \$30,656.70**

1. Small Business and Technology Development Center Update

Goal 3 set by the ACC Trustees calls upon the college to "Serve as a primary center for regional economic development, diverse programming, recreational/wellness opportunities, and cultural enrichment." Director Carl Bourdelais is present this evening to review recent activity of the Small Business and Technology Development Center hosted on the ACC main campus. For Region 3 covering 11 Northeast Michigan counties, SBTDC work during calendar year 2007 resulted in service to 217 clients, start-up of 22 businesses, and creation of 76 jobs.

2. Disc Golf

Planning for a disc golf course on ACC property as a venue for intramural activity, public use, and a potential addition to our PEH curriculum attained critical mass this month with the preliminary go-ahead on a site from the Board Property Subcommittee and an organizational session consisting of ACC students, an ACC faculty member, a community person, and ACC administrators. Student Nate Grueter is present this evening to report on progress of the project.

3. MECA Overhead/Underground Line School

During October 6-9 the ACC Utility Technology program hosted a training course for about 50 incumbent workers, many of them our graduates, from companies comprising the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association. Our own students participated in the training and received the benefit of interaction with the workers and six instructors with a wealth of field experience. Here's a list of the companies represented:

- Alger Delta Electric Cooperative
- Alpena Power Company
- Cherryland Electrical Cooperative
- City of Holland
- City of Traverse City
- City of Zeeland
- Cloverland Electric Cooperative
- Edison Sault Electric Company
- Federated Insurance
- Great Lakes Energy
- Homeworks Tri-County Electric Cooperative
- Midwest Energy

Many thanks to ACC Instructors Roy Smith, Todd Artley, and Rick Arbic for organizing and participating in the training.

4. BACCHUS Program

Counselor Julie Robarge is present this evening to relate some of the activities that BACCHUS will be sponsoring for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, October 20 – 24, 2008.

On Monday, October 20, BACCHUS will have a 'give-aways' table in the Student Commons area in BTC during the lunch hour.

Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski will be present during this time to demonstrate the 'fatal vision goggles' to students and to answer questions. He will be a guest speaker in Amber Vesotski's General Psychology Class that afternoon from 12:20 – 1:40 p.m. to demonstrate the goggles and to discuss the 'Party Patrol' enforcement activities recently implemented by the Sheriff's Department.

On Thursday, October 23, Tim Kuehnlein's Political Science class will host a mock "DUI trial" in NRC 101 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Judge Tom LaCross will be present to act as the Judge, Attorney David Funk will act as the Defense Attorney, Attorney Ed Black will act as the Prosecuting Attorney, and Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski will be present with a deputy to act as "expert witnesses." Nan Hall's drama students will act as the accused and witnesses. Part of Tim Kuehnlein's class will serve as the "jury." This activity will be open to all students and staff who wish to participate.

As in the past, we will be putting up awareness posters throughout campus on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (after open house activities).

#### 5. MCCA Board of Directors Meeting

Trustee Stibitz and I represented ACC at Kirtland CC on October 3-4 for a meeting of the Michigan Community College Board of Directors. Highlights are as follows.

- Jay Wortley, senior economist for the Senate Fiscal Agency, reviewed property tax mechanisms that affect our local millage revenue. In Alpena County the increase in taxable value changed from 3.5% in 2007 to 3.1% thus far in 2008. This places us ahead of the 2008 state average increase of 1.7%. Taxable value jumps up to state equalized value when property changes hands. Therefore, tighter lending standards for the remainder of 2008 and 2009 will continue to reduce advances and produce actual declines in many areas, with the projected state average change for next year coming in at -1.0%. In FY10 ACC's property tax revenue will increase more than the taxable value because of Headlee recovery approved by the voters in August. The current budget projection shows a 6% increase.
- A panel of presidents brought forward work on sustainability on their campuses. Projects ranged over options like the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, use of eco-friendly cleaning products by custodians, transition to smoke free campuses, installation of green roofs covered by vegetation, and a Kirtland CC investigation into

drilling its own gas well. Jackson CC spoke about expanding the definition of sustainability to include attention to social justice issues.

- MCCA President Mike Hansen presented a summary of accomplishments related to the MCCA Strategic Plan drafted in 2006 and approved early in 2007.

Strategic Goal	Accomplishments
1. Unify the organization	Agreement on the state funding plan using performance indicators, network of professional organizations for all college functions, newsletter, website, 100% membership
2. Have better and more informed college leaders	Content-rich Board meetings, plans for training of future leaders, executive workshop, new trustee workshop
3. Improve the image of community colleges	Assembly of public relations officers, work on marketing plan
4. Improve the financial condition of the state's community colleges	Advocacy for defined contribution retirement changes, group purchasing opportunities
5. Strengthen the organizational capacity	Addition of full-time vice president for public policy and director of legislative affairs
6. Improve advocacy to increase the competitive advantage of community colleges	Annual Community College Day program, community college caucus of legislators (ten members)

Mike regards the plan and activities related to the goals as a good platform for the next step of formulating a more comprehensive vision statement. Drawing on a well-known time management parable, this has become known as the “big rocks” project. The call for volunteers to participate has been issued, and Trustee Stibitz has been appointed to the Vision Committee.

- David Baime, vice president for governmental relations of the American Association of Community Colleges, spoke twice to the directors, once on the main points of the Higher Education Act of 2008 (summarized for the ACC Board in last month's report). His other topic was positions of the U.S. presidential candidates on community colleges. Compared with Iraq and the economy, higher education has not been a front-burner issue of this campaign. McCain has mentioned community colleges favorably in speeches and

professes support for a) flexible accounts for worker training, b) modifications to the Trade Adjustment Act, and c) consolidation of tax credit for higher education. Obama has visited 20 community college campuses and has pushed a) elevation of Pell Grants to \$5,100 next year, b) grant programs for job training, and c) a tax credit consolidation similar to McCain's proposal. Neither candidate addresses the huge sleeper issue – the rapid escalation of the federal deficit. 44% of federal spending now goes to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid; 20% for defense, and 8% for interest on the national debt.

- Mike Hansen reviewed legislative positions of the MCCA, including support for bills introduced to allow community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees in applied and technical areas. The directors voted to stay the course of seeking permission for all 28 community colleges, in spite of Mike's estimate of only a 5% chance of passage at this time. ACC and five other colleges voted for a restricted pilot version (which would undoubtedly include ACC), which Mike characterized as having a 50% chance of passage.

MCCA also supports a bill to exempt colleges from having to offer the MPSERS retirement program to new employees. According to this bill, a college would have the option of MPSERS or a defined contribution plan for new employees. The bill would not affect MPSERS plan for existing employees.