



**ACOVA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
WESTIN LA PALOMA  
Tuesday, July 15, 2014**

Meg Giancesello, ACOVA President, began the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Polly Abraham, ACOVA Secretary handed out the minutes from the Business Meeting in February at the Prescott Resort. The minutes were approved.

Jill handed out the Year End ACOVA Financial Report and went over the information. The group accepted the report. She handed out a copy of the budget and it was also approved by the group.

Cathie Raymond gave information about the ACOVA Scholarships. She also told the group that the scholarships would be given out at the awards ceremony on Wednesday.

Aron Schmidt shared information about the first Mini M&M session that would follow the Local Director's meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites in Tempe. He shared that we would provide lunch and so we asked everyone who planned on attending to let Jill Ranucci know in order to have an approximate number for a head count.

After Denise Zambos gave the dates for the ACOVA Fall Conference in November, she explained the Fee Waiver that would be available for those who would benefit due to limited funds. The form was available on the website and deadline for the waiver request was August 30<sup>th</sup>.

The group discussed raising money for student scholarships at our upcoming Fall Conference. Jill discussed Auction Feed Back and generating revenue, dinner is a function to provide money for scholarships, get kids projects and/or big ticket item, donations are needed to maintain our 501(c)3 status. John Mulcahy and Ralph Fobair both gave \$100 as a donation for the scholarship. Jill told them that we would give each of them an ACOVA shirt for this donation. She also explained that we would sell ACOVA shirts for \$30 which would give be the cost of the shirt plus a donation amount of \$5.

Meg reviewed the proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws. One of the changes would be moving from Vice President to President Elect. There was also the discussion of staggered terms and an explanation of how this would work from this point forward. With the move from Vice President to President Elect, we would need to have a special election to fill the President Elect position. The main elections would also move from January to July to match the fiscal year. She asked for a consensus vote for approval. The vote was unanimous.

Cathie Raymond thanked everyone for allowing her to serve on the ACOVA board. She also mentioned that she enjoyed her time serving on the ACOVA board.

Meg, Cathie and Jimmy gave a brief update on the Critical Issues session.

Meg thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

There were 55 people in attendance

Respectfully Submitted,  
Polly Abraham, ACOVA Secretary