

Council of State Science Supervisors

January 12, 2016

Board Members: **Rachel Aazzerah (OR), Juan Carlos Aguilar (GA), C.J. Evans (MO), Linda Jordan (TN), Tiffany Neill (OK) and Sarah Young (UT).**

Old Business/Updates:

December 8, 2015 CSSS board meeting minutes were approved online.

Treasurer's Report:

CJ shared with the board the proposed 2016 CSSS budget, which was based off of the 2015 budget. The board will vote on the approval of the 2016 CSSS budget at the next board meeting.

The board discussed different options in regard to how the Monday night event at the conference could be paid for, due to the fact that we had lost our sponsor. A survey was sent out to determine whether the membership thought that it was appropriate to pay the per diem meal rate (~\$26.00) in order to attend the Monday night event.

CJ stated that once she receives an invoice from the Adventure Science Center, she will pay the \$820 room deposit for the Monday night event at the annual meeting.

Director of Operations Report:

Linda explained to the board when and where the next NSTA regional and national conferences are (Minneapolis, MN: October 27-29, Portland, OR (November 10-12) and Columbus, Ohio (December 1-3). She also explained that she would send out an email to the membership about meeting space solicitation and submitting proposals for sessions.

She also discussed with the board about how the PAEMST is currently under an application drive and encouraged members to nominate potential worthy elementary science educators. Our PAEMST contractor expressed a concern that some of the state coordinators had not logged into the portal since the nomination application announcement and if perhaps they may not be communicating regularly through the portal with their nominees/applicants about the process.

New Business:

Conference Update

Juan-Carlos sent out a draft agenda for the annual CSSS conference to the membership. Tiffany requested that she receive a list of first time conference attendees in order to pair them up with mentors for the conference.

Committee Updates

The assessment committee has three webinars planned over the next few months. The professional learning committee had a very successful webinar and will have another webinar before the conference. Tiffany volunteered to help Juan-Carlos with helping each of the committees with the planning of their sessions at the annual conference.

Survey on ESSA

Jodi Peterson (NSTA) has requested that the CSSS membership please complete a survey in regard to what we currently know and want to know about ESSA. The results of this survey will be discussed at the annual conference.

Rachel made the motion to move into executive session. Sarah seconded. The motion passed.

Tiffany made the motion to move out of executive session. Rachel seconded. The motion passed.

Sarah made the motion to adjourn. Tiffany seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Aazzerah

CSSS Board Secretary