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Council of State Science Supervisors

Board Meeting

January 13, 2015

Board Members in Attendance: Juan Carlos Aguilar (GA), Anita Bernhardt (ME), Ellen Ebert (WA), CJ Evans (MO), Sam Shaw (SD), Matt Krehbiel (KS) and Sarah Young (UT), Linda Jordan (TN)

Minutes for the December 9, 2014 meeting were approved on online.

State Assessment Tracking System - Rolf Blank reported on an NSF Grant that was started last fall to provide a mechanism for tracking state assessment programs and policies across the nation. This year the grant directors will be looking for 10 states to participate in the collection of information related to current science assessments and the implementation of NGSS standards and assessments related. The plan is to move to the implementation of an online instrument in the spring. Rolf requested time to report on this grant at the CSSS conference.

Executive Secretary's Report – Linda is waiting to hear back from two of the conference sponsors. Linda is also waiting on a bid for the shared reception with NSELA. Linda has received one area conference proposals. Matt (KS) and Juan Carlos (GA) will submit requests for area proposals.

Treasurer's Update –

CJ provided an overview of the budget for the conference. To date CJ has received 20 conference registrations. Members are encouraged to register soon. Spouses who attend the conference will be asked to pay for their meals (\$125).

The Board will discuss the 2015 budget online.

The Board received a letter of thanks from the Darrington School District, WA for the generous donation from CSSS.

The Board will consider a new procedure for posting information to the website. Juan Carlos will prepare a proposal for the Board.

Triangle Coalition - Triangle Coalition agreed to charge CSSS dues at the rate of \$150 annually.

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CSSS Chicago Conference – Ellen collected information from the presenters and finalized travel reimbursements from the presenters. Anita made a motion to approve up to \$550 for the cost of an airline ticket for one of the presenters. The motion was seconded by Sarah and passed unanimously. The costs for the Monday evening event are beyond the budgeted amounts. Linda is pursuing alternate options for Monday evening and will confirm the support of National Geographic.

The audio-visual costs are much higher than the average anticipated conference costs. Linda is waiting on additional information from NSTA. Sarah suggested that CSSS pay for internet for the main conference room. Matt suggested that the CSSS either pay for the WIFI monthly charges for a dozen volunteers or pay for MIFIs for the conference. Sam volunteered to bring three hot spots.

Matt will contact the co-chairs of the subcommittees and remind them to host a webinar prior to the conference.

Professional Learning Committee Report – Sam will send out the Professional Learning Standards to the membership. Sam will report to the Board next month about the report.

Sarah made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM. The motion was seconded by Ellen and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Bernhardt
Secretary, CSSS

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