

## Council of State Science Supervisors

March 8, 2016

Board Members: **Rachel Aazzerah (OR), Juan Carlos Aguilar (GA), Linda Jordan (TN), Tiffany Neill (OK), Sam Shaw (SD) and Sarah Young (UT).**

### **Old Business/Updates:**

February 9, 2016 CSSS board meeting minutes were approved online.

### **Director of Operations Report:**

Linda shared that she has continued to work on the Monday evening social event scheduled for March 28, 2016 at the Adventure Science Center (ASC). Texas Instruments has generously donated \$2,000 to help cover the additional costs of the event, beyond the funds that were requested from each attendee and or guest. Linda has worked with ASC to add the Space Place exhibit for half an hour into the agenda for the event.

Linda has also worked with the Hutton hotel staff in regard to meeting room logistics and has placed the orders for the refreshments that will be served during the breaks at the annual conference. She also reported that the Hutton hotel staff have also interacted with both Sarah and all of our sponsors to prepare the banquet orders. Linda has also order the Sponsor/Service awards (cubes) that will be awarded during the annual conference.

### **PAEMST:**

Linda shared that the number of nominations and applications this cycle has exceeded last cycle by 600, but there are still concerns for a few states that have zero to two applicants. The PAEMST Team sends weekly/monthly updates and if they find a state who has good strategies for increasing the numbers of nominees that complete their applications, they will share that information with the other state coordinators. The contractor went over their plans to exhibit at the NSTA conferences, in which they will have “selfies”, a speaker list and electronic outreach at their booth. Linda suggested they try to capture some alumni information for their database at the booth during the conferences.

### **New Business:**

#### **Conference Update-**

Sarah stated that the conference agenda is completely packed with amazing speakers, presentations and opportunities for networking. She also shared with the board the CSSS member submitted round table discussions and the board decided that they

could support all of the suggested topics. Sarah challenged the board and the CSSS membership to bring unique items for the annual CSSS auction!

### **Election-**

Juan Carlos explained that he sent out all of the candidate statements on the CSSS listserv, and that the election committee (Anita, Amanda and Amber) will have the ballots and envelopes ready for the annual conference so that member states can vote.

### **Committee Updates-**

Tiffany shared that the committee co-chairs are holding a meeting with Doug Paulson (technology committee co-chair) on March 10, 2016 to learn about the work of the technology committee and how that work can be infused. She also shared about the new CSSS member mentoring program and that she is working on matching up new members with seasoned veterans based in job responsibilities, and challenges they face in their state and interests.

There was also the discussion around the possibility of having a new committee around science safety.

### **Membership-**

Phil Bell (University of Washington) was granted affiliate membership to the organization by unanimous vote.

Tiffany made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Sarah seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Aazzerah

CSSS Board Secretary