

Council of State Science Supervisors Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2017

Board Members in Attendance: Ellen Ebert (WA), CJ Evans (MO), Linda Jordan (TN), Tiffany Neill (OK), Doug Paulson (MN), Sean Elkins (KY), Megan Schrauben (MI), Sam Shaw (SD) and Shari Templeton (ME)

President Ellen Ebert (WA) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. (PT)

President's Welcome:

- Ellen welcomed all and thanked the presenters for their contributions to the conference
- Sam Shaw (SD) announced that the prior evening's auction raised \$6,000
- The CSSS Board will decide how best to allocate funds from the auction
- Ellen thanked the ad hoc committees for their work not only at the conference, but throughout the year in the form of webinars, grants, papers, mentoring, etc.

PAEMST Update:

- Linda Jordan (TN) ran down the upcoming deadlines for nominations and applications.
- Linda reported that NSF provides administration fees to CSSS for handling the Booz Allen Hamilton sub-contract, for overseeing the state science coordinators and for dispersing funding for the PAEMST science program across the country
- Compliance categories moving forward will include: nominations/recruitment, mentorships, recognition, and engagement

Treasurer's Report:

- CJ Evans (MO) indicated that monthly updates are provided to the CSSS Board and includes investments. The organization has sound financial footing and enough funds to operate for six years even if PAEMST funding were to be eliminated.

Technology Update:

- Doug Paulson (MN) announced that the new CSSS Website would roll out in the next couple of weeks. The new site will keep the state map, state member background information, highlight the upcoming conference, recognize sponsors and maintain board information.
- The new site will institute a search feature, more complete state profile and the resource tab will include committee resources.
- Each member will receive login information when the site is set to go live.

Special Presentation:

- Ellen made a motion to present an honorary lifetime CSSS membership to CJ Evans. The room erupted with a mass second.
- Discussion from the floor included numerous accolades for CJ's constancy, guidance and giving spirit. It was noted that the "organization and country owe you [CJ] a debt of gratitude for your service." CJ possesses the institutional knowledge about CSSS and has filled the roles of historian and caretaker of our organization. "She is the matriarch" of CSSS.
- After nearly 20 minutes of anecdotal stories of and praises for CJ's contributions, Ellen called the motion. The audience stood to their feet in unison for an ovation.
- CJ accepted the award and acknowledged that CSSS has grown from 25 to 180 members and that the organization has been a "blessing".

Cube Presentations:

- Service cubes were presented to outgoing board members: Amanda Buice (3rd year director), Sam Shaw (2nd year director) and Shari Templeton (secretary).
- Ellen Ebert passed the virtual gavel to incoming President Tiffany Neill.
- In her first act as President, Tiffany presented a cube to Ellen Ebert (outgoing President) and thanked her not only for her service, but also for the valuable lessons in patience.
- Tiffany continued with reflections on CSSS changes under Ellen including, but not limited to,, outgoing state members paying CSSS membership dues for their replacements, successful oversight of two conferences and numerous working groups – even resulting in the release of the Science Professional Learning Standards.
- Tiffany introduced her theme, “Past, Present, Future” as she begins to set the agenda for her term.
- Ellen presented a cube to Tiffany for her service this past year as President-elect.

Board Election Results:

- For the post of member-at-large/1st year director, the membership elected Megan Schrauben (MI).
- For the post of secretary, the membership elected Shari Templeton (ME).
- On behalf of CSSS, Tiffany thanked Kris Kilibarda (IA) and Lauren Kaupp (HI), each leaders in their own right, for their service to CSSS in agreeing to run for office.

Other:

- The membership was reminded of the joint NSELA and CSSS reception tonight.
- Tom Keller encouraged Cubers to pursue doctoral degrees.
- Jenny Hicks (IN) was recognized for her inspiration to others.
- Amanda Buice (GA) reminded Cubers to complete the post-conference survey when they get it.
- Associate and affiliate members were recognized.

Shari made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m. (PT) Scott Roskelley (UT) seconded. The vote was unanimous.