

Council of State Science Supervisors Board Meeting

April 12, 2016

Board Members: Rachel Aazzerah (OR), Ellen Ebert (WA), CJ Evans (MO), Linda Jordan (TN), Tiffany Neill (OK), Doug Paulson (MN), Sam Shaw (SD).

President Ellen Ebert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (CT).

CSSS Member in Attendance:

Sarah Young (UT) and Juan Carlos Aguilar (GA)

Old Business/Updates:

The March 8, 2016 CSSS board meeting minutes were approved online.

Director of Operations Report-

Linda stated that the Nashville conference was a success logistically and that all invoices for the Monday evening social, meeting breaks and the lunch have been sent to CJ for processing. NSELA will also be splitting one third of the handling fees it collects from the two joint NSELA-CSSS reception sponsors (Accelerated Learning and Fisher Science Education) with CSSS. She will also be sending personalized thank you notes to all sponsors this month. Linda stated that the **2017 CSSS Annual Conference will be held in Los Angeles, CA, March 27-29, 2017** and that the **NSTA Conference is March 30-April 2, 2017.**

Juan-Carlos and Linda attended the monthly PAEMST check-in call on April 4, 2016 and currently there is only one state coordinator that hasn't completed their agreement form. She also stated that the number of state coordinators that had not logged into the portal in the last two months had shrunk. The contractor for the PAEMST explained that in order to improve attendance of the webinars that they will attempt to schedule them according to state coordinator availability. The contractor was asked to consider providing the recorded version of the webinar with the slides in order to reach a wider audience due to conflicts state coordinators might have. NSF joined the NSTA conference in Nashville to recruit high quality science teachers for the program. PAEMST was an exhibit at the NSTA Conference in Nashville and they distributed materials about the program, as well as provided laptops for nominations on site, and displayed a special backdrop for visitors to take their very own PAEMST selfies. Alumni were invited to stop by the booth and pick up their "Ask Me about PAEMST" sticker to wear proudly during the conference. At this time it is still unknown when and where the 2014 recognition event will be for state PAEMST finalists.

Treasurer's Report-

CJ stated that she has paid most of the bills for the conference and is currently still trying to collect all of the money from purchase orders, as well as from members that bid on items at the auction.

Conference Committee Summary-

The Board thanked Sarah for working so hard to make the 2016 annual conference a success! Sarah thanked the board for their participation in helping with the conference, as well as thanked Linda for the excellent Monday night event at the Adventure Science Center. Overall, there have been positive comments about the conference. The board also thanked Sarah for her inclusion of ignite sessions for new members on Sunday evening before the conference started, as well as the fact that the round table discussions led by members provided a greater variety of topics to be discussed. Sarah stated that she is willing to share any of her resources from her conference planning and invited board members to reach out if she can be of assistance.

New Business:

Embedded Technology Director- Doug stated that the technology committee felt that each of the committees should have an embedded technology coordinator that could assist with driving the discussion board on the NSTA Learning Center and also help with guidance around the role of technology with CSSS. The board voiced that they agreed with Doug's proposal and discussed whether one of the co-chairs could serve in this role and or if a committee could instead ask another member to serve in this role. The board decided that this might be a committee-by-committee decision.

Committee Work- Sam explained that we need to store information about who the co-chairs are, as well as who the potential new co-chair replacements could be for Ellen and Doug's committees now that they are serving on the CSSS board. A post conference follow up phone call with the current co-chairs will occur in April in order to find out if they want to continue serving as committee co-chairs, as well as to hear any concerns that they might have. A communication to the general membership will occur after the post conference follow up phone call that entails the process that will be followed to replace or recruit co-chairs for committees in the future.

Sponsorship-New Affiliate Members-

Tiffany made the motion to move into executive session, Sam seconded and the motion carried.

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Tiffany made the motion to accept Carla Zembal-Saul as an affiliate member of CSSS, seconded by Ellen and the motion carried.

Sam made the motion to accept Bill Penuel as an affiliate member of CSSS, seconded by Doug and the motion carried.

Sam made the motion to accept Carol O'Donnell as an affiliate member of CSSS, seconded by Tiffany and the motion carried.

Ellen will send a congratulatory email inviting Carol, Bill and Carla as new CSSS affiliate members.

Representative-Committee on Coordination and Supervision of Science Teaching- Juan-Carlos explained that the CSSS Board needs to appoint a new representative to serve on the committee. Ellen stated that we have time to make this decision about who should represent the membership and that we should table this discussion until the next board meeting.

Adoption of a Social Media Policy- This topic will be tabled until the next board meeting.

Proposal- Samueli Foundation-

Rachel made the motion that the board move into executive session, seconded by Tiffany and the motion carried.

Tiffany made the motion that the board move out of executive session, seconded by Doug and the motion carried.

Doug made the motion that the CSSS board will support both Sam and Tiffany financially to attend the STEM Funders Network meeting in New York later this month, seconded by Rachel and the motion carried.

Vacant Board Position-

Tiffany made the motion to move into executive session, seconded by Rachel and the motion carried.

Rachel made the motion that the board moves out of executive session, seconded by Tiffany and the motion carried.

The vacant board position was discussed and an announcement to the membership will be made once the position is filled.

Tiffany made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. CT, seconded by Rachel and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Aazzerah
CSSS Board Secretary
