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Council of State Science Supervisors

Board Meeting

June 11, 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Juan Carlos Aguilar (GA), Anita Bernhardt (ME), Ellen Ebert (WA), Peter McLaren (RI), CJ Evans (MO), Sean Elkins (KY).

May Board Minutes: The Board approved the May minutes online.

Treasurer's Report – C.J. Evans is receiving travel reimbursements for the BCSSE meeting and PAEMST business.

Juan Carlos has contacted Achieve to sign the contract for the BCSSE meeting.

CJ shared that many individuals who have previously been CSSS members are contacting CJ to rejoin the organization as associate or affiliate members. Many of the board members commented that this is a tribute to the work that CSSS is doing.

CJ will develop a draft budget for the 2014 CSSS Meeting in Boston and share it with the Board before the next meeting.

Executive Secretary Report - Linda Jordan (TN) – The Executive Secretary's report was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

BCSSE Conference – The Board discussed the BCSSE conference. The following ideas were shared.

- Integrate NGSS implementation tools into BCSSE meetings.
- Clarify the purpose/goals for the BCSSE meetings and NGSS Network.
- Decide on a topic for the next BCSSE meeting. Possibilities include: the nuts and bolts of adoption, implementation, transitioning, lessons learned, planning for implementation, teacher preparation, equity and NCLB categories, and/or assessment.
- Ensure the continuation of the BCSSE Advisory Committee. A subcontract of the NSTA NGSS@NSTA grant from the Carnegie Foundation provides the

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existing funds for the BCSSE Advisory Committee. Approximately \$54,000 is available for this purpose.

Executive Session Protocols – The executive session conversation was tabled.

Chemical Labeling – John Olson suggested that CSSS collaborate with other organizations to provide safety training. The Board recommends that John do research to see if OSHA is offering this safety support. Juan Carlos will extend an invitation to John Olsen to join the Board for a work session.

Remaining Auction Funds – The Board plans to donate the remaining \$2000 in auction proceeds to a school in Oklahoma. Tiffany Neill (OK) will recommend a recipient in the Moore, OK area.

Letter of Support for – Peter made a motion to offer a letter of support in favor of the proposal from University of Missouri to the NSF ECL. This research proposes the study of the evolution of elementary school students' STEM identities. The motion was seconded by Juan Carlos and unanimously approved.

Sean made a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM. The motion was seconded by Peter and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Bernhardt Secretary, CSSS

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