

Council of State Science Supervisors Board Meeting

June 14, 2016

Board Members in Attendance: Rachel Aazzerah (OR), Amanda Buice (GA), Ellen Ebert (WA), CJ Evans (MO), Tiffany Neill (OK) and Sam Shaw (SD).

Absent: Doug Paulson (MN)

President Ellen Ebert called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. (PT).

Old Business/Updates:

The May 10, 2016 CSSS board meeting minutes were approved online.

CSSS Auction

The board discussed that at this time that they recommended awarding half of the 2016 CSSS auction funds to the school in Louisiana that Danna Clinton had nominated and to wait to see if there would be additional nominations for the funding in the future.

Amanda made the motion to award half of the 2016 CSSS auction funds to the school in Louisiana that was damaged due to flooding, seconded by Tiffany and the motion carried.

C.J. will contact Danna Clinton in Louisiana and will send her the award check for the school, so that Danna can present the check to the school administration.

NSTA Conference Session Proposals and Area Conference Meeting Space Requests

Six membership proposals for NSTA consisting of ten hours of programming were submitted and subsequently reviewed by the board. All six proposals were approved and one of the proposals was approved for a two hour session. Linda forwarded all of the session information to Linda Crossley at NSTA. Ellen Ebert will send a description of her plan for the CS3 meeting space for the Portland NSTA regional once she has had a change to collaborate with her regional colleagues. Esther Hopkins will be submitting a meeting space proposal for the Columbus NSTA regional and Doug Paulson has been contacted about his interest in having use of the reserved space at the Minneapolis NSTA regional.

PAEMST

BAH is currently working on a contract to rewrite the online system and address technical aspects that are problematic and the first phase should be completed by September 3, 2016. The new platform will provide better customer service, including the provision of tracking and associated feedback mechanisms. Also, planned changes to the application portal will make it easier to navigate.

The state selection process of the 2016 PAEMST nominations are nearly finished with a few left to complete. Finalists and non-finalists may be contacted after June 15, 2016. There was discussion that the scoring rubric categories should be revisited to reflect good instructional practices and the new standards in both content areas. Discussion continued about the need to require summary feedback versus individual comments in the committee reports, and how evaluators should consider the most important feedback for applicants highlighting strengths and areas for improvement. The National Science Selection panel will begin on or about June 15-17. On June 30, 2016 a PAEMST alumni event will take place with a total of 44 participation (9 alumni will be there in person). There has been some discussion about having the 2014 and 2015 PAEMST awardees come together for one awards ceremony.

Ad-Hoc Committees

Sam shared an overview of the progress with Ad-hoc committees resulting from webinars held on June 3 and June 6, 2016 and email correspondence. Sam suggested that the board follow up with Andre DeLeon (NV) and Jamie Ramage (OR) to see if they would be willing to be co-chairs for the equity committee. The equity committee members will serve as ambassadors to other committees to ensure an equity and access lens across all our work.

Tiffany explained that a challenge for the technology committee is to ensure that other committees have access to and are using technology supports. Sam's next task is to assure that there is the expectation that each committee identifies a member to work with the technology committee.

Sam shared that based on the nominations received; the following CSSS members would be invited to fill the committee co-chair openings:

Equity: Jamie Ramage (OR)

Assessment: Dawn Cope (WA)

Technology and Digital Communications: Kenneth Linsley (GA) and Ricky Scott (UT)

Instructional Resources: Mike Heinz (NJ)

Ellen mentioned that she spoke with Tom Keller (ME) about a potential policy committee. The discussion will continue until a committee charge can be created. Ellen said she received an email from Jodi Peterson (NSTA) about work that CSSS might like to do with specific STEM/Science components of ESSA. The board discussed webinar opportunities for state members to share work that their states are doing regarding ESSA.

NSF Core Grant

Tiffany updated the board about the NSF Core Grant and explained that some of the states have been contacted by their Co-PI lead to set up a date to meet virtually. Each participating state has been asked to complete an influence map, which is a newly developed tool to identify key influencers in their respective states. Tiffany explained that after the researchers iterate the influence map tool, the intent is to share it with CSSS members.

Associate Members

Anita Bernhardt (ME) and Jake Foster (MA) were both granted associate CSSS membership. Ken Ken Roy (CT) was granted affiliate CSSS membership.

CSSS Board Member Retreat

The CSSS board member retreat will be held August 12-14 in Seattle, WA.

Sam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30p.m. PT, seconded by Tiffany and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Aazzerah

CSSS Board Secretary