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Council of State Science Supervisors

Board Meeting

July 8, 2014

Board Members in Attendance: Juan Carlos Aguilar (GA), Anita Bernhardt (ME), Ellen Ebert (WA), Sean Elkins (KY), Linda Jordan (TN), Matt Krehbiel (KS), and Sam Shaw (SD).

Minutes for the June 3, 2014 meeting were accepted online.

Finance Updates – Juan Carlos reported that CJ has paid about half of the requests for payment for the BCSSE conference. Juan Carlos also reported that CJ has received the first payment from Booz Allen related to the PAEMST program.

Executive Secretary’s Report – Linda reported that CSSS’ registration with the U.S. Government has been updated and the organization continues to be eligible to apply for grants at this website. She also reported that the process of renewing CSSS’ incorporation non-profit status would soon be complete.

Eric Rhodes plans to organize an area meeting at the northeast regional NSTA conference in Virginia on Saturday, October 18th, 2014. Linda is still waiting for confirmation from members in Florida (Orlando) and California (Long Beach) concerning their interest/plans for using CSSS meeting space during these area conferences.

Hotel room costs originally quoted for the annual CSSS meeting in Nashville (prior to the 2016 NSTA Conference) have increased from \$179 to \$199. Linda will share more information about possible arrangements during the Board retreat in August.

BCSSE Update – The June 2014 BCSSE meeting concluded the original series of meetings to support state science collaboration and capacity building. At the last BCSSE Conference the Advisory Committee identified topics for possible future state collaboration:

- the politics of NGSS
- building support for involvement of school districts
- connecting researchers to science education state and district leaders
- assessment

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The Advisory Committee suggested that CSSS identify and apply for grants that could fund future meetings for state collaboration. They advised that CSSS generate a multi-year plan for future work. Members of the BCSSE Advisory Committee are willing to assist CSSS in this effort.

2015 CSSS Conference – Ellen shared a conceptual draft for the 2015 CSSS Conference. The proposed concept focuses on partnership and equity, and includes continued attention to the progress of the working committees and to assessment.

Working Committees Update - Matt reported that he convened the co-chairs of the working committees. Committee Co-chairs reported that they are at different places in identifying deliverables for the work. Juan Carlos charged Board members with reaching out to the Co-chairs of their committees and supporting the progress of the committee work. The Board will institute monthly updates on working committees. In addition to the monthly updates to the Board, the committee co-chairs will schedule conference calls with each other every other month. Matt suggested that committees report on recent accomplishments, next steps, and any needed supports/resources. The Board will finalize the protocol for these monthly updates at the August meeting. Sam will serve as liaison for the professional development committee and Juan Carlos will become the liaison for the technology committee.

Linda reported that there is no additional information about venue planning for the 2015 conference at this time.

Request - The Board received a request for a copy of the approved 2014-15 CSSS budget. Juan Carlos will arrange for the approved budget to be posted with the June 2014 minutes.

EAGER NGSS Project – BSCS has proposed a grant to fund the development of criteria for instructional materials and programs. Tom Keller has requested a letter of support for this grant from CSSS. Juan Carlos will write a letter of support for the project.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM EST. The motion was seconded by Anita and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Bernhardt
Secretary, CSSS

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