

Council of State Science Supervisors Board Meeting

March 30, 2016 (Annual Conference)

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

CSSS Annual Conference-

Ellen thanked the board for all of their hard work in planning and running the annual conference in Nashville. She stated that she felt that the conference was completely under control and that the board members worked together flawlessly. The board also thanked Linda for planning such an engaging Monday night event at the Adventure Science Center that entailed singer/song writers Jimmy Robbins and Jonathan Singleton performing in the round.

The board debriefed about how the annual conference went in Nashville and based on feedback from members determined that since we have such a limited amount of time during the conference to meet face to face, that we need to ask certain presenters to give updates virtually throughout the year as well. Board members felt that having Jodi Peterson (NSTA) give additional updates around ESSA and legislature initiatives throughout the year would be highly beneficial to the membership. Discussion also occurred around having a new committee about ESSA and that the committee should develop a white paper around role science and stem education should play in this new law.

With MSP grant funding ending soon, the board also discussed the need to send out a survey to the membership to find out how they pay to attend the conference each year. It was also discussed that we need to continue to provide high quality professional development that will also attract state members that haven't attended in a while.

A discussion also occurred around charging the technology committee with updating our CSSS website and finding potential sponsors to assist with the cost of doing so. A set of guidelines and criteria will need to be developed around potential advertising on our website, as well as how sponsor roles can work in the future in a more meaningful way besides just meal sponsorships at the annual conference. How can CSSS members partner with our sponsors to provide professional learning opportunities to them and lend our expertise to help vendors to create products that are aligned to the K-12 framework and to three dimensional science education?

Elections & Board Member Roles-

Ellen Ebert from Washington was elected president and she will finish the term that Matt Krehbiel was originally elected for and that Juan-Carlos was filling in for. Doug Paulson from Minnesota was elected 1st Year Board Member At Large. Tiffany Neil from Oklahoma was elected president-elect and this now leaves a vacancy in the area of 2nd Year Board Member At Large. A brief discussion was held in regard to who should be

appointed to fill in for the 2nd Year Board Member At Large, but the overall decision was tabled for the next board meeting.

The board also discussed that clear roles need to be determined for each of the three board members at large. One suggestion was that the first year board member would be in charge of the mentoring program, the second year board member would be in charge of the committees and the third year board member would be in charge of planning the annual CSSS conference.

CSSS Annual Conference 2017-

The 2017 CSSS Annual Conference is in Los Angeles, CA, based on the fact that the NSTA National Conference is there this coming year. Board members voiced concerns about finding affordable meeting space and accommodations that are at the government per diem rate. The board may send Linda out to LA in order to scout out for different possible meeting spaces and accommodations.

CSSS Board Retreat-

Ellen will be hosting the CSSS Board Retreat at Cedarbrook Lodge in Seattle, WA during September 16-18, 2016.

Tiffany made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Doug seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Aazzerah

CSSS Board Secretary

Council of State Science Supervisors

General Membership Meeting

March 30, 2016

Matt Krehbiel publically thanked both C.J. Evans and Linda Jordan for their hard work and dedication in assisting with the conference and with the Council of State Science Supervisors.

Linda Jordan and C.J. Evans gave a presentation about the role CSSS plays in the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) Program.

(http://www.csss-science.org/downloads/2016conference/6PAEMST_Overview.pdf)

Matt Krehbiel shared the 2016 election results:

Ellen Ebert from Washington was elected president and she will finish the term that Matt Krehbiel was originally elected for and that Juan-Carlos was filling in for. Doug Paulson from Minnesota was elected 1st Year Board Member At Large. Tiffany Neil from Oklahoma was elected president-elect and this now leaves a vacancy in the area of 2nd Year Board Member At Large.

Matt Krehbiel also thanked Sam Shaw (SD) and Cathy Mackey (AR) for also wanting to service the organization and placing their name on the ballot.

Bill Penuel with the assistance of Megan Hawkins requested that the membership complete a survey that entails how each state does and or uses research (<http://bit.do/cs3survey>). The survey entails what do we do role wise in regard to being a state science specialist, as well as what credentials state science specialists have and who they seek out when they conduct research.

Doug Paulson gave a quick overview of how to access the CSSS –NSTA learning center (<http://learningcenter.nsta.org/cs3> and enter Promo code cs3). He explained that this is a great space for CSSS members to collaborate on a variety of different topics. He also stated that if you are having difficulty accessing the site, to please email him at doug.paulson@state.mn.us.

Matt Krehbiel also thanked Sarah Young for planning such a fabulous annual conference and for her service to the board. Ellen Ebert thanked Matt Krehbiel for his service to the board and for facilitating the annual conference. Ellen Ebert also thanked Juan-Carlos Aguilar for his service to the board as well and a group picture was taken with his CSSS cube to commemorate the conference.

Matt Krehbiel passed the gavel in honor of Juan-Carlos to Ellen Ebert.

Meeting adjourned.

