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## Board of Directors' Meeting Notes

Saturday, March 4, 2017

**Roll Call – Members in Attendance:** Abercrombie, Benham, Black, Clegg, Connet, Doherty, Haggerty, Harter, Infante, Janzen, Johnson, Kidwell, Luevanos, Middleton, Nelson, Rand, Rehome, Valbuena, Wojinski

**Members Absent:** Estrada, Olson, Petri

**Quorum Met:** Yes, 19 members in attendance

Approval of January Board of Directors' meeting notes – Motion to approve: M. Janzen; 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Johnson. Yes: 19 No: 0 Abstain: 0

**President's Report** (Connet) Denisha expressed appreciation for the entire conference committee for their donation of time and teamwork throughout the conference. Generally, the conference was a success by all accounts and we should all be proud of the work we did to make it happen. Presented an Amazon gift card (\$50) to executive director and signed card by board members. Presented a gift to Natalie Wojinski, conference chair, for her leadership and guidance.

**Executive Director's Report** (Mosier) (Report attached)

- Recognized Mary Janzen as award recipient for the Armenian Genocide Excellence award; awarded by the Genocide Education Project
- Recognized Emily Schell for the completion of her last SSR. Shared a copy of the print publication with members.
- Recognized regional leadership and outreach; highlighted increased activity in Region 3, a vacant position for over a year.
- Reviewed sponsor contributions for this year's conference. Mary Janzen recognized ED for building and nurturing relationships with sponsors/partners/exhibitors resulting in increased support and donations.
- Reviewed CCSS account profit and loss statement; reviewed the 2017-18 budget with points regarding under/over budget (all members received both statements one week prior to the meeting in order to review and consider questions). Still researching Amazon rate of contribution, Board insurance, and new web master. Avi Black – important to look into Amazon smile program donation as there is potential to bring in substantial donations if we all contribute.

**Conference Report** (Wojinski) Expressed appreciation for conference committee. Ruth Luevanos inquired about unique room configuration and how attendees will express feedback. Room configuration is determined by the hotel; CCSS had to do their best with what was offered. Feedback may be shared via Sched and the Google link provided in the conference program.

**Liaison Report (CTA)** – (Cindy Crawford) – Shared relevant resources, resolutions, and pledges to support students and communities. See attached CTA Powerpoint slides for more information.) Members are also encouraged to visit the CTA website for access to additional resources and updates <http://www.cta.org>.

### **Ongoing Business**

CCSS Slate of Candidates (Infante) 2017-18 slate of candidates has been approved (see attached). Moved: Luevanos Second: Wojinski Passed: Unanimously. Executive committee has appointed Dawnelle Black as interim regional director in Region 3 to complete the 2016-2017 term. As an aside, it was brought to our attention (Black) that region 3 numbers were higher than region 9 by one member. ED re-checked and confirmed that this was a data error and the numbers have been updated on the regional dues document to reflect accurate membership for each region. No changes: Region 9 will keep the extra seat for the 2017-18 year.

**Member Dues** (Connet) Reminded members that the executive team decided earlier in the year that member dues will remain in the CCSS master account. Each council, upon submission of their re-affiliation paperwork, may request regional funds to cover their expenses. At this time the process for requesting funds is via email to the Executive Director. If you have not completed re-affiliation, please follow the links noted below. Click on home>about>local councils>re-affiliation.

**Legislative Update** (Jones) At this time we have a long list of legislation in our discipline. One of the major bills to keep an eye on is AB 761 authored by K. Mullin which would require a state assessment in H-SS. At this time, it is very early in the legislative process and we don't know many details, including those surrounding the type of assessment. This is one to watch and follow.

- Fred encourages members to share findings from LCAP work. Avi shared that he has worked on four LCAP's that included H-SS, although significantly marginalized, as much as only 3-4 percent of emphasis compared to other core content areas.
- As a part of his legislative effort on behalf of CCSS, Fred has shared a new opportunity to connect and partner with other like-minded organizations. He has been in contact with a new civic partner with a potential to partner around initiatives, training, resource sharing, etc. Similar to our work with CCEE, Fred's introduction of this opportunity spurred discussion and questions about CCSS and current policy regarding outreach and/or strategic partnerships.
  - Questions raised by: Clegg, Luevanos, Black, Janzen, Wojinski
  - How do we properly vet organizations that wish to affiliate with us?
  - Do we currently have a policy for this? And, if not, we need to make sure we are consistent when reviewing organizations for affiliation.
  - How do we ensure equity in decision-making? How do we ensure legitimacy of an organization?

Fred Jones is respectfully requesting that CCSS reinvigorate our established policy where CCSS in the past has opened its doors to and conducted outreach to other organizations to support each other. To this end, it was suggested by the members in attendance that we table the issue and enlist a task force to review the bylaws and standing rules regarding organizational outreach, inclusion, and strategic partnerships. Motion to table discussion - Kidwell. Second -Wojinski. Passed: Unanimously. Doherty will convene a task force to review bylaws and standing rules.

### **Committee Reports**

- Diversity & Social Justice (Luevanos) – The Diversity and Social Justice Committee would like to help increase CCSS membership, promote issues of diversity and social justice. To this end, the committee has developed a resolution (see attached). After discussion about wording, inclusion, and equity, the board decided to table the motion and seek input from our regions. The motion will be raised during the May meeting.
- Governmental Relations (Kidwell) – Legislative Breakfast and Confab were both successful events. Efforts to continue legislative efforts and support around testing and LCAP's.
- Membership & Outreach (Abercrombie) – Brainstorming efforts to bring in membership. A lot of enthusiasm this year. Hoping that new membership reflects sense of current enthusiasm.
- Publications & Technology (Johnson/Day) – In the process of recruiting two editors: SSR and OP. The first priority is finding an editor for the SSR. Representatives requested that members write down the names of possible recruits. They will also follow up via email to solicit member input.
- Professional Standards & Awards (Rehome) – Highly successful event. All awardees were in attendance to receive their honorary plaque and check representing CCSS appreciation.
- Curriculum & Instruction (Valbuena) – Working diligently on curriculum and instruction resource listing to supplement and/or update our current web listing of offerings.

**Organization Liaison Reports** – The CTA report was moved up on the agenda to accommodate Cindy Crawford's schedule. No other liaison representatives were in attendance. Janet Mann submitted her report and it has been added as an attachment as a courtesy.

**Oral Communications** - None

**Adjournment** – 9:10 p.m.