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4 Colorado ● Montana ● North Dakota ● South Dakota ● Utah ● Wyoming

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6 ASPIRE Business Meeting
7 Little America Hotel
8 Cheyenne, Wyoming
9 October 10, 2010
10 Submitted by: Brandon McLean
11 Minutes Approved May 10, 2011
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15 **Board Members Present**

16 Ryan Ross, Dan Bengé, Dawn Eckhardt, John Shafer, Brandon McLean, Derek Grubb,
17 Michael McLean, Derek Sporbé, Cody McMichael, Yvette Rosenberg, and Lori Brown-
18 Wirth
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20 **Call to Order**

21 The business meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by President Ryan Ross
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23 **Parliamentarian**

24 Kathy Felker was appointed Parliamentarian
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26 **Quorum**

27 A quorum was established as there are more than 50 members of ASPIRE present.
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29 **Motion to Approve Minutes**

30 The minutes from the previous business meeting held in Spearfish, South Dakota, were
31 passed out and reviewed by the membership. Andrea Reeve made a motion to approve
32 the minutes as presented, seconded by Theresa Leiphon. The motion passed.
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34 **Treasurer Report**

35 John Shafer presented the membership a statement of accounts for the current year. At
36 present, we have \$ 93,170.42 in checking and \$51,414.86 in savings.
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38 The year to date financial statements were presented to the membership. The board
39 approved to transfer money to savings from checking, in the amount of \$50,000.00. This
40 conference, in Cheyenne, Wyoming is estimated to generate between \$30,000.00 to
41 \$40,000.00 profit to the ASPIRE region.
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43 Amy Verlanic made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Michael Wade seconded
44 the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
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46 **President's Report**

47 Ryan Ross updated the membership on the past year accomplishments that have been
48 achieved for the ASPIRE region. He thanked the board for all of their hard work and
49 continued work on the financial success of the ASPIRE region. Ryan thanked the
50 Leadership Development Institute team for all of their hard work. This year they had 30
51 participants in LDI. The ASPIRE region Fair Share was 114%!!!! We hope to continue
52 this success in 2010-2011.

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54 This year's Community Service project was a book drive for a new local school, South
55 High School, in Cheyenne, Wyoming and the Rainbow Resource Center in Laramie,
56 Wyoming. Presentations were conducted by those involved.

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58 **Membership**

59 Dawn Eckhardt reported an increase in membership with now 407 members in ASPIRE.
60 The 2009-10 membership year ended with 329 professionals, 24 associates, 2 emeritus, 7
61 friends and alumni, and 45 TRiO participants. She thanked everyone for the opportunity
62 to be the chair of membership committee. She is stepping down to become President of
63 ASPIRE. Lori Larson has stepped in to be the next membership chair.

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65 Dawn introduced a motion that came moved and seconded by the ASPIRE Board in May
66 to alter the Associate Level membership category. The change would allow student
67 employees of a TRIO program to become members of ASPIRE at the Associate
68 membership level. This requires a change in the ASPIRE Bylaws. Ballots will be
69 distributed during the second business meeting.

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71 **2011 Conference in Utah**

72 The 2011 ASPIRE conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Radisson Hotel.
73 All members are encouraged to attend.

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75 **State Reports**

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77 **Colorado**

78 Derek Grubb reported that Colorado is holding elections for their board positions at this
79 conference. The Colorado state conference was held with 40 people in attendance. All
80 16 current Student Success Programs were refunded, and 8 new projects were added in
81 the latest competition. (See annual report for full state report)

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83 **Montana**

84 Mike Mclean spoke of a Best Practices in Two-Year Education conference at Flathead
85 Valley Community College on May 20-21, sponsored by Montana Chapter of ASPIRE.
86 This was a first attempt at the conference. While the conference lost money this first
87 year, the state has decided to continue the effort and believe it will be financially
88 beneficial to the state with minor modifications. Incoming state officers have been
89 selected. (See annual report for full state report)

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91 **North Dakota**

92 Derek Sporbert reported that Lori Larson is new president for North Dakota. Cara Davis
93 was elected as treasurer. North Dakota has two new SSS programs. Some success has
94 been achieved for North Dakota in the area of state initiatives. ND ASPIRE is working
95 with key players in the state in hopes of tying in with College Access Challenge grant
96 funds. (See annual report for full state report)

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98 **South Dakota**

99 Cody McMichael reported that South Dakota is considering changing leadership structure
100 with a possibility of moving to a two year presidency term. Two Student Support
101 Services programs were defunded in the last competition. They are taking advantage of
102 COE state initiative grant funds to develop a state fact book and state web site. (See
103 annual report for full state report)

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105 **Utah**

106 Yvette Rosenberg reports that for the first time in the last two years, Utah has a full
107 board. The board had updated their state bylaws. Their spring state conference will take
108 place in March in Zion National Park, Springdale Utah. One Student Support Services
109 program was defunded in the last competition. Utah will be hosting the 2011 annual
110 conference which will be in Salt Lake City. (See annual report for full state report)

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112 **Wyoming**

113 Lori Brown-Wirth, welcomed everyone to Wyoming. She thanked Brandi and Ginny for
114 their work in chairing the conference committee. Noting that Wyoming has only 25
115 members, it was at times a challenge to pull it together. In the event that Lori Brown-
116 Wirth is elected to the position of regional secretary, Wyoming will seek to fill her
117 position of past-president for the state. Wyoming exceeded their COE fair share goals
118 this year, and has a new website: www.aspirewyoming.net. (See annual report for full
119 state report)

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121 **Old Business**

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123 **2012 Conference Site**

124 The 2012 ASPIRE conference will be held in Billings, MT. The ASPIRE Board is
125 currently negotiating with a couple of conference venues before selecting the final
126 location.

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128 **501 (c) (3) status update**

129 Michael Wade gave an update in regards to the 501 (c)(3) status for the region. Paul
130 Schierer, ASPIRE's attorney, has worked on our behalf, pro bono. Michael spoke of the
131 time frames of what has transpired in trying to get this exemption. The board has
132 approved the payment of a one-time fee of \$3,000 required of the application to the IRS.
133 It is thought that the application approval process may take 12 to 15 months.

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136 **New Business**

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138 **Elections**

139 ASPIRE has two open positions: Secretary and President Elect.

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141 **For Secretary**

142 Elaine Metcalfe, Elections Chair, brought forth a nomination for Lori Brown-Wirth to the
143 position of regional secretary. Elaine reported that prior to the business meeting this
144 nomination was reviewed with Lori and that she had accepted the nomination. Elaine
145 called for additional nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations made,
146 Lindsay Beddes made a motion to close the nominations and elect Lori Brown-Wirth by
147 acclamation to the position of regional secretary. Cheryl Kingsbury seconded the motion.
148 The motion carried.

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150 **For President Elect**

151 Elaine Metcalfe reported that she had received a nomination for Tammy Ward for the
152 position of president-elect. Prior to the business meeting, the nomination was reviewed
153 with Tammy and she accepted the nomination. Elaine called for additional nominations
154 from the floor. With no additional nominations, Andrea Reeve moved to elect Tammy
155 Ward as president elect of ASPIRE by acclamation. Shawanna Kimbrough seconded the
156 motion. The motion carried.

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158 **Motion to recess**

159 Mike Wade motioned to recess the business meeting. Rachel Martinez seconded. Motion
160 carried. The ASPIRE business meeting recessed at 4:12 pm.

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162 **Reconvene the Business Meeting**

163 President Ryan Ross called the meeting to order on October 12, 2010 at 10:07 a.m.

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165 **Board Members Present**

166 Ryan Ross, Dan Benge, Dawn Eckhardt, John Shafer, Brandon McLean, Derek Grubb,
167 Mike McLean, Derek Sporbert, Cody McMichael, Yvette Rosenberg, and Lori Brown-
168 Wirth

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170 **Parliamentarian**

171 Kathy Felker was re-appointed as parliamentarian

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173 **Quorum**

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176 **New Business Continued**

177 Ballots to approve changes to the bylaws to allow student employees of a TRIO program
178 to be eligible for ASPIRE membership at the Associate level were distributed.

179 Completed ballots were collected by Lori Larson to confirm eligibility for voting, and
180 votes tallied and confirmed by Elaine Metcalfe. Motion carried.

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182 **Message from Ray Carlisle**

183 Elaine Metcalfe read a statement she had received from Ray Carlisle announcing his
184 retirement from his position as TRIO Director, expressing his appreciation for the work
185 done throughout TRIO programs and the ASPIRE region.

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187 **Adjourn**

188 Motion to adjourn was made by Kris Mickelson and seconded by Rhonda Mason.

189 Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 am

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