



1 ND Chapter of ASPIRE
2 State Meeting
3 October 12, 2014
4 Grand Forks, ND
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7 **Call to Order:** 4:01 p.m. by Derek Sporbert
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9 **Roll Call of Programs:** CCCC – Audra Poitra, Cheryl Longie; UND – Kelsey Walters, Marna Klug, Kelly
10 Laux, Mary Fredericks, Laurel Johnson, Cheryl Kingsbury, Dennis Stangl, Derek Sporbert, Lori Larson;
11 TMCC – Annette Charette, Melanie Martin; LRSC – Patty Wallace; DSU – Christiana Pond, Jennifer
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14 Before the meeting began, Lori Larson (ND) and Joseph Aguirre (WY), candidates for Regional President,
15 conducted their campaign speeches.
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17 **Old Business:**
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- 19 1. Minutes from April 2014 Meeting
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21 a. Corrections to meeting minutes:
 - 22 i. Correction of Christiana Pond’s name
 - 23 ii. Correction of Derek Sporbert’s name
 - 24 iii. Correction of the word ‘disable’ to ‘disabled’ in reference to Dr. Bartlett, page 3
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26 b. Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Dennis Stangl, second by Marna Klug.
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- 28 2. Treasurer’s Report – Patty Wallace
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30 a. \$11,164.52 last year’s balance
31 b. Took in funds of \$1,000 paid to ASPIRE for policy seminar reimbursement
32 c. Registration funds in amount of \$2,611 for co-state meeting
33 d. Paid for Lori Larson to go to Washington
34 e. John Schafer Expense – does not include share of membership paid up to this date
35 (regional), will add on December 21st.
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- 37 3. Other Old Business
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39 a. None.
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41 **New Business:**
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- 43 1. ASPIRE Conference – Derek Sporbert
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45 a. We are on track budget-wise exceeding \$ 50,000. There are great professional development
46 opportunities.
47 b. Cara and Lori did an excellent job bringing in outside voices.

- 48 c. Since this conference is our state responsibility, ask Cara or Lori if they need help with
49 anything. We'd like to see things run smoothly.
50 d. Cheryl Kingsbury – To help out with sound issues in the sessions, it would be a good idea to
51 have someone run around with a microphone. It's difficult to hear in the rooms.
52 e. A major reason we are holding the conference here in Grand Forks is the city has given us
53 \$2,000 and city employees to help out with conference, they have been very
54 accommodating.
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56 2. Program Updates 57

- 58 a. UND – SSS – Cheryl Kingsbury – Joan is in Wisconsin. We have been busy serving students.
59 Have a diverse population. Current students are bringing in additional students. Classes are
60 going well. Financial aid issues, mostly with the electronic. Busy with working on the
61 conference. We are very thankful to Derek and Dennis for their help. Have early
62 registration coming up right after the conference.
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64 TS – Laurel Johnson – Dawn took students to Minneapolis in June. Busy working on field
65 trips. NDNDEA is coming up. Trying to deal with the State of Minnesota, they've changed
66 the testing requirements. ACT requirements are also changing. Access Challenge grant
67 helps us do things with the parents. Kelly Laux is the new Talent Search Advisor.
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69 EOC - Cara Davis – Cara is the new EOC Assistant Director. The College Access grant is
70 helping with college tours, testing, career, helping with college applications, and financial
71 aid.
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73 UB - Lori Larson – Maggie O'Neal is the new Upward Bound Advisor. We started school
74 visits in September. Lori is busy with the conference. After the conference, we will pick up
75 students and will be going to Mayville, Jamestown and Valley City.
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77 McNair – Staff went to Wisconsin to attend the McNair Research Conference.
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- 79 b. LRSC – Patty Wallace – The Director had a baby boy and will be working from home for a
80 while. Theresa is coming in to work with students on a workshop. Erika has been busy this
81 summer and got a huge chunk done. We have a new Administrative Assistant, Corrine
82 Barrel. Heidi is the Vocational Coordinator. We're moving along, mid-terms and
83 registration week will begin after the conference. The College Access grant will assist to
84 continue the Literacy 101 course.
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- 86 c. TMCC – Annette Charette – We've been busy. Lost our grant writer, we are looking for one
87 now and hope to hire someone before the competition ends. We are currently working
88 with students and issues with financial aid, academics, and workshops. We are holding a
89 couple of workshops next week. We assisted with a free meal for all students in the
90 department. Students get free meals on Wednesdays.
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- 92 d. DSU – SSS - Christiana Pond – We are in massive band-aid mode but are now able to
93 restructure. We are now able to hire someone to start in June. _____ moved from
94 South Carolina and is currently training. Remember to work with students. We're getting
95 ready for early registration.

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- e. CCCC – TS – Cheryl Longie – We had our Senior College Day in May and honored approximately 100 seniors. We took 20+ students to Park Rapids, MN for our Youth Leadership conference in April. During the summer, we held two culture camps for students ages 8-18 and worked with the Health Careers summer camp in July. Audra and Jennifer attended the RUReady workshop last month and we will be attending the NDASFAA Financial Aid workshop in November at LRSC.

3. Legislative Updates

- a. Rural Area Program – puts out grants for those that are at a disadvantage to travel five hours to see students. Lori has presented at policy and Derek has presented in other areas. Focusing on _____.
- b. Cheryl Kingsbury – Matching Block Grant concept - Matching not too much momentum. We do not want to become a state block grant. Money all goes to the state and they distribute the money. It will be distributed to the larger cities where they will get a majority of the money. The smaller schools won't receive any. College Access Challenge grants went to state match. When they went to state match, 26 of 50 states did not re-apply for the grants. We got money from _____.

4. State Initiative Activities

- a. We are continuing our work at the state level to support TRIO programs and they have been a wonderful partner especially to apply for college access grant.
- b. Interim year of _____, meeting on one to one basis with state legislatures to connect with candidates to make TRIO more of a household name. If they call and ask to talk to them about TRIO to promote what we do in our areas, please do so. They need to know of our programs. If we keep working on them, we can make some headway. Keep on pushing to get them to listen.

5. 10 for 10 Fair Share

- a. Maureen Hoyler has the Fair Share forms. If we get 12 people to contribute from our state, we will get free policy registration. You may partner with others to get it in. Or divide the \$100 between all staff. Look at others in the state. Donate to COE – they advocate in Washington, D.C. to keep our jobs. We NEED to make our goal this year! Please have in by _____ for the waiver.

6. TRIO Fact book

- a. Has been on the agenda for the last 2 years
- b. Need to get information from all institutions
- c. Need to know if we are meeting our goals and to let the legislators know that we are doing what we say we are doing.
- d. Acquire the information from your APRs

- 144 e. Dennis will send out the information requested from all programs
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146 7. Dennis Stangl – Incoming President
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148 a. Dennis informed the members what we will see in the next year
149 i. Fact book: It’s great to look at and maybe we can have a video of TRIO students
150 ii. Spring ND ASPIRE Meeting: Would like to set the meeting on March 29-31, 2015 that
151 will be held in Bismarck.
152 iii. Create a Facebook group or pages for the ND TRIO alumni. most alumni don’t realize
153 they were a part of TRIO, so we want to recognize them. We can also talk with others
154 about their experiences.
155 iv. Can also create a twitter account
156 v. Next year is the 50th Anniversary for Talent Search and SSS. Would like to work to do
157 something, not sure what yet. May form a committee to plan and see what we can do.
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159 8. Other New Business
160 a. None
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162 Derek Sporbart moved to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Kingsbury, second.
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164 Meeting adjourned 5:06 p.m.