

South Dakota State Business Meeting

Mitchell, SD April 4th, 2016

In attendance: Tim Boender, Thomas Madut, Arin Winger, Tina Ludens, Laurie Johnson, Nathan Bylander, Jeff Vostad, Samantha Contarino, Emily Crooks, Becky Jensen, Krista Bau, Laci Hettick, Martha Miller, Kari Ewalt, Marion Blue Arm, Tiffany Poor Bear, Megan Taylor, Becki Rosane, Lynelle Whitebull, Linda Anderson, Debbie Liddick, Nora Leinen, Susan Hupp, Peggy Madrid, Carol Voss-Ward, Carlie Ness, Peni Mounga

SD ASPIRE called to order by at 1:39pm (CDT) by President Peggy Madrid

Debbie Liddick appointed as parliamentarian

Secretary/Treasurers Report

October 2015 Meeting Minutes were distributed and amended to correct name spelling of Tim Boender

Motion to approve October minutes as amended by Marion Blue Arm, seconded by Susan Hupp, *motion passed*

The FY2015 Treasurer's Report was distributed. Treasurer's report accepted by acclamation. Laurie Johnson, Sec/Treasurer summarized our first quarter expenses, including Fact Book and COE-Policy expenses, and co-conference revenue was estimated. Dawn Eckhardt has assumed responsibilities as Regional ASPIRE Treasurer this year.

President's Report

Report: Fair Share/Project Memberships and 10/10 –

Becky informed members about various types of donations to ASPIRE and COE, including Fair Share (institutional memberships, subscription packages, and personal contributions), and how those dollars are used. Progress reports towards reaching our annual SD Fair Share goals: ASPIRE is up 1% from last year: 62% at 3/2/15 and 63% at 3/2/16; SD ASPIRE, as of March 2, 2016, South Dakota has raised 23%. Fair Share contributions can be made to the 10/10 Campaign, with an annual target goal of 10 donations @ \$100 contribution. This plan allows for individual monthly payment plan or one-time donation, or several members can band together to donate \$100. By reaching our annual SD goal @ 100%, we are eligible for COE Policy reimbursement by Regional ASPIRE; Donations are tax deductible, and the year ends with a June 30 deadline. Becky is available for additional explanation, to accept donations and provide donation forms. In addition, with Fair Share Spring Campaign, COE is offering a \$300 Discount for Programs that renew memberships prior to December 31, 2016.

Government Relations – Nora Leinen

All non-competing awards for 2016-2017 will receive a three percent increase in their award IF they increase the number of participants they serve or increase intensity of services.

FY 2017 TRIO Appropriations letter urging an \$80 Million increase for the Federal TRIO programs to restore services to students who lost access to TRIO over the past decade. South Dakota legislators did not sign on to support increase.

John Jones, former BHS SSS participant and current law school student, attended COE Policy Seminar in March, representing South Dakota ASPIRE.

Other committee Reports:

New Members Mentoring – Susan Hupp/Kari Ewalt

Susan Hupp extended a welcome to our many new ASPIRE members and encouraged those who wished for experienced consulting & mentoring to directly contact her or Kari

TRIO Awards – Debbie Liddick

Debbie provided awareness of our TRIO Achiever, Friend of ASPIRE, Art Quinn, and Rising Star awards and encouraged nominations to be submitted for next fall Regional Conference.

Elections – Susan Hupp/Jeff Vostad (See below)

TRIO Awareness Day – Emily Crooks/Martha Miller – No activity reported

Media Relations –Debbie Liddick

Debbie will continue to work with Dennis (@UND) to update our State website; please send any needed updates (reports agenda, minutes, and conference session information) to Debbie for uploading to keep our information current.

Social Justice – Peni Mouna

This is a new ASPIRE committee. Peni announced that at the Regional ASPIRE in October 2016, a concurrent session will include a state report/snapshot of social justice topics/issues in South Dakota and encourages collaboration and participation by all interested.

Old Business

Spraggins State Initiative Grant – Peggy informed members that this grant provides monetary fund to state chapters from COE and matching funds from the Region. This year, our funding proposal was written to cover our SD Fact Book for Policy and to build stronger relationships with area school administrators, counselors, legislators, and other college access program personnel. Molly Hall-Martin, Director of Student Success with SD BOR is attending conference tonight. Peggy Madrid and Nora Leinen wrote this year's \$1000.00 grant, and results are pending.

State's Grant Management Meetings update from Susan Hupp. She attended two meetings, no future meetings scheduled.

New Business

Peggy Madrid welcomed Tina Ludens to back ASPIRE and thanked her for her recent leadership assistance.

Regional Board Updates: Regional ASPIRE Board Meeting was held in January; (Peggy was unable to attend). Items of interest include: COE will offer a Legs & Regs as Pre-conference Workshop in October @ the Regional Conference, and all members are encouraged to attend. COE is moving forward with Communities of Practice (International Students, Alumni, STEM, Data-Driven Projects); a tour of Sheridan hotel, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming for next Regional Conference 2017 was taken; Peggy Madrid plans to attend the next Regional Board Meeting, scheduled for May 2016.

Operating Guideline Change

In March 2015, we made a collective decision to combine our Co-State Conference with North Dakota every year, with each state hosting alternating years to provide more diversity of programming, pooling resources, and encourage closer collaborative, thus making a bigger impact. Because of this, Susan discussed the issue of annual funding for (TRIO Achiever & Friend of ASPIRE) awards & associated travel/lodging/expense costs, as well as the need to review/update our Chapter Operating Guidelines. Susan discussed the value of recognizing students. Issue was open for discussion. Susan Hupp made a motion to cover the cost associated with giving both awards, including plaques, banquet/food, room and travel expenses; Motion was seconded by Becki Rosane and passed. Operating Guidelines will need to be reviewed and updated accordingly at our next business meeting.

Peggy Madrid reported on COE Policy representation. John Jones, a former TRiO SSS participant was selected and attended COE Policy on behalf of SD APIRE; John was a BHSU Student, with knowledge and passion for political activities and represented South Dakota well. He was able to meet with Kristy Noem, who agreed to sign on to support TRIO. He also provided tips to discuss gaining support with John Thune and how to best approach him.

Nomination guidelines for the Art Quinn Award were read. Nominations were suggested. Debbie Liddick nominated Susan Hupp for this regional award based on her long-term efforts to provide leadership and advocacy to TRIO. Jeff Vostad second. Motion passed and Susan accepted this nomination.

Susan Hupp and Jeff Vostad, Elections Committee opened the floor for nominations for SD Chapter President Elect. One nomination, for Nora Leinen, was put forth and candidate accepted. Thomas Madut made a motion to close nominations, second by Martha Miller. All in favor, no opposition. Nora Leinen will be our new President-Elect.

Announcements

Mark your calendars Wyoming Regional Conference - October 3-5 2016, plus pre-conference dates.

All members are encouraged to submit Regional conference proposals for concurrent sessions.

2016 Fact Books were available to each program.

A thank-you was extended to Arin Winger for his efforts in conference planning.

Motion to adjourn by Samantha Contarino, seconded by Jeff Vostad, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.