

Minutes for SD ASPIRE Business Meeting

Call to Order

A business meeting of SD ASPIRE was held on May 5, 2020 via Zoom. It began at 1:02 pm and was presided over by Laci Hettick, with Martha Miller as secretary.

Jennie Thompson moved, Krista Bau seconded that we move on to the next order of business.

Parliamentarian

Jennie Thompson was appointed Parliamentarian.

Welcome & Introductions

Laci Hettick welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for attendance here today. Introductions were made.

Attendees

Members in attendance included: Laci Hettick, Becky Jensen, Krista Bau, Jennie Thompson, Hillary Robinson, Ranika Lewin, Chrissy Leshner, Justin Breske, Laurie Johnson, Thomas Madut, Peggy Madrid, Jamie Boettcher, Ashley Kirchner, Caitlin Gourneau, Becki Rosane, Stacey Kappes, Gary Wald, Talon Ducheneaux, Martha Miller, and Marion Blue Arm.

Jennie Thompson moved, Thomas Madut seconded that we move on to the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 30/October 1, 2019 meeting were read. Jennie Thompson moved and Becki Rosane seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Laurie Johnson moved, Stacy Kappes seconded that we move on to the next order of business.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Martha Miller with a final balance of 10,584.65.

President's Report: Laci Hettick gave the president's report. She told us that she attended the Executive Leadership Institute, a nationwide COE institute, at Yale University, in October 2019. She reported about the ASPIRE Board Meeting which was held in January in Salt Lake City, Utah. Below are the highlights of her report:

- There will be a \$10 increase in dues to ASPIRE.
- SD received a \$1,000 donation from Mastery Prep to assist in getting more than one SD ASPIRE member to attend Policy in March. This money will be earmarked for the 2021 Policy Seminar.
- The Ramkota in Sioux Falls, SD will be the site of the 2021 ASPIRE regional conference.
- The regional board is hopeful that SD Committees will be changed in order to better align with regional committees. Laci will speak on this a bit later in the meeting.

- She and Jennie Thompson attended the Virtual COE Policy Meeting in March. They were able to meet with all three offices of our representatives, but personally met with Dusty Johnson. He is a great advocate for TRIO programs and is on the TRIO Caucus.
- The TRIO Fact Book has been completed, but is not yet printed.
- Laci applied for the Spraggin's Grant for \$500 to assist with printing costs for the Fact Book and an additional \$500 to support a statewide TRIO Day initiative for 2021.
- She recognized the 2020 TRIO Achiever, Kasey Hale. Kasey was nominated by Marion Blue Arm. She was a TRIO participant from 7th-12th grades and is now the high school principal at Faith Public School.
- The regional ASPIRE meeting is scheduled for the end of September in Fargo, ND. Because of the possibility of a continued travel ban, there is discussion that this may be a virtual conference or a hybrid model.

Membership Development Committee: Becky Jensen reported that because we met our 10 for 10 requirement, SD ASPIRE received a fee waiver for Laci Hettick to attend the Virtual Policy Seminar. Becky has contacted universities about updating their project memberships and all are planning to update.

Government Relations Committee: Laci Hettick reminded each of us about the importance of contacting our representatives and urging them to support TRIO programs.

Social Justice Committee: Hillary Robinson updated us on the Social Justice Committee.

Becki Rosane moved and Hillary Robinson seconded that we move onto Unfinished Business.

Unfinished Business

Laci proposed the following committee revisions to the Operating guidelines. She will send out the proposed changes to members for an electronic vote.

OPERATING GUIDELINES CHANGES- ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

Line 229: change to : "SD/ASPIRE Standing Committees shall include, but shall not be limited to: the Elections Committee, Government Relations Committee, Membership Development Committee, Media Relations Committee, Spring Conference Committee, and Social Justice Committee."

A. **Elections Committee**: no changes

B. TRIO Awareness Day Committee—move **Government Relations Committee** to item B.

Description as follows:

With the assistance of the South Dakota Chapter of ASPIRE President, the Government Relations Committee Chair shall coordinate with COE regarding legislative and United States Department of Education actions. The Committee Chair shall provide the membership with a list of contact information for Field Representative Aides, identify and cultivate advocates for TRIO, and coordinate monthly contact with Field Representatives and Legislative Aides.

TRIO Awareness Subcommittee: The Government Relations Committee Chair shall chair the TRIO Awareness Subcommittee. The President shall appoint two additional members. The TRIO Awareness Subcommittee shall disseminate information about First Generation College Student Day and TRIO Day to encourage activities at institutions that host a TRIO Program or Programs, and submit articles to ASPIRATIONS on the activities. The Subcommittee shall also coordinate efforts with the President for a statewide TRIO Day event on or around National TRIO Day.

C. New Member Mentoring Committee—Change to “Membership Development Committee”

The Membership Development Chair is responsible for promoting and increasing SD ASPIRE project and individual membership through distribution of membership materials and providing information to new ASPIRE TRIO personnel. The Membership Development Chair shall maintain membership rosters, distribute ASPIRE membership applications, solicit membership from both individuals and programs who have lapsed in membership, and solicit personal donations to ASPIRE.

The New Member Mentoring Subcommittee shall be chaired by the Past President, or President’s designee. The New Members Mentoring Subcommittee Chair shall coordinate with the SD/ASPIRE President to identify new personnel in TRIO Programs in South Dakota. The committee shall be responsible for providing an overview of SD/ASPIRE, Regional ASPIRE, and COE; ASPIRE membership; Regional ASPIRE and COE Fair Share; and identifying mentors for new TRIO staff who request them.

The South Dakota TRIO Alumni Subcommittee Chair shall coordinate with the ASPIRE Alumni Committee to promote the National TRIO Alumni Society, organize Alumni Societies in the ASPIRE Region, and publicize the purposes of creating Alumni Societies.

D. Media Relations Committee- No changes

E. Spring Conference Committee- No changes

F. Change to “Social Justice Committee”

The Social Justice Committee Chair shall represent South Dakota on the ASPIRE Social Justice Committee. The committee is tasked with acting as a resource and advisory committee on various social justice issues facing our students to ASPIRE members.

Duties to include, but not limited to: assist with volunteer project at regional annual conference, offer assistance to states who wish to host a volunteer project for their State TRIO Day, offer resources for social justice issues programs to be offered at regional annual conference, and any other duties as designated by the board.

Krista Bau moved that we proceed to New Business, seconded by Chrissy Leshner.

New Business

Committee Vacancies:

Laci discussed the committee vacancies and asked for volunteers to assume these positions. Listed below are the new members on each committee.

- Elections Committee: Stacey Kappes and Gary Wald
- TRIO Awareness Subcommittee: Krista Bau and Jennie Thompson
- New Members Mentoring Subcommittee: Becki Rosane

- SD TRIO Alumni Subcommittee Chair will be Laurie Johnson. There was no volunteer for the Media Relations Committee Chair so Laci will work on filling this position. The Spring Conference Committee co-chairs will be Krista Bau and Hillary Robinson.

Election of President Elect: Krista Bau nominated Hillary Robinson for President Elect, seconded by Jennie Thompson. Laurie Johnson moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Marion Blue Arm. Hillary Robinson spoke about why she is interested about this opportunity. Voting will be conducted via email.

Regional ASPIRE Co-chair nominations: Laci will be contacting individuals about this

Krista Bau moved, Stacey Kappes seconded that we move on to the next order of business.

Announcements

Laci reminded the members about the opportunity to attend the webinar, *ASPIRE-What's In It For Me?* on Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 2-3:30 CT.

The next SD state meeting will be at the ASPIRE regional conference in September 2020.

Adjournment

Krista Bau moved and Hillary Robinson seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 2:23 pm.