

Minutes for SD ASPIRE Business Meeting

Call to Order

A business meeting of SD ASPIRE was held on September 29, 2020 via Zoom. It began at 11:02 AM and was presided over by Laci Hettick, with Martha Miller as secretary.

Parliamentarian

Jennie Thompson was appointed Parliamentarian.

Welcome & Introductions

Laci Hettick welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for attendance here today. Introductions were made. Laci presented the meeting agenda for approval. Jennie Thompson moved and Krista Bau seconded that the agenda be approved. Motion carried and we proceeded to the business meeting.

Attendees

Members in attendance included: Laci Hettick, Becky Jensen, Krista Bau, Jennie Thompson, Hillary Robinson, Ranika Lewin, Mikal Zere, Peggy Madrid, Brittini Delmaine, Ashley Kirchner, Summer DiGioia, Caitlin Gourneau, Becki Rosane, Stacey Kappes, Gary Wald, Kelley Wininger, Martha Miller, and Marion Blue Arm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 5, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Marion Blue Arm moved and Krista Bau seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Martha Miller with a final balance of 12,280.99. Jennie Thompson moved that the report be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Marion Blue Arm and was passed.

Proposed Budget: Laci Hettick explained the revenue and expenses for the Proposed 2021 Budget. Gary Wald moved, Krista Bau seconded that the Proposed Budget be adopted. The motion carried.

President's Report: Laci Hettick gave the president's report. Below are the highlights of her report:

- Krista Bau and Jennie Thompson will serve as conference co-chairs for the 2021 ASPIRE Conference in Sioux Falls.
- Laci informed us that SD has received the Spraggin's Grant for \$1,000, half of which will be used to assist with printing costs for the SD Fact Books and half used to support a statewide TRIO Day initiative in 2021.
- Laci told us that the 2020 SD TRIO Achiever, Kasey Hale, will be recognized as one of the 2020 ASPIRE TRIO Achievers as well. Kasey was nominated by Marion Blue Arm. She was a TRIO participant from 7th-12th grades as well as while she was a student at BHSU.

Currently she is now high school principal at Faith Public School. Kasey will receive her award at the ASPIRE Awards via Zoom later today.

Membership Development Committee: Becky Jensen reminded members about the 10 for 10 campaign. Nine donations to COE are needed to meet the 10 for 10 obligation and in so doing allow the SD President to attend Policy Seminar for free. Becky has contacted universities about updating their project memberships as well.

Government Relations Committee: Laci Hettick reminded each of us about the importance of contacting our representatives and urging them to support TRIO programs especially in light of the possibility of receiving COVID-19 relief for TRIO students.

Under the TRIO Awareness Subcommittee, Jennie Thompson informed us about the planned TRIO Day activities. TRIO Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2021. Pre-addressed post cards will be sent to all the TRIO programs across the state to give to students who will then include their reasons for being thankful for TRIO and mail them to our US legislators, for a "Postcard Blitz". Stickers will also be distributed to all of our programs to disburse to students.

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

Unfinished Business

Because we were running short on time, Laci will email the Operating Guidelines, with minor revisions, to the membership.

New Business

- 1.) Laci Hettick apprised the chapter that Thomas Madut, who was on the SD ASPIRE Board as Past-President is no longer employed with TRIO. She asked Peggy Madrid to assume the role of Past-President. Peggy agreed.
- 2.) The vacancy on the Media Relations Committee will be filled by our President elect, Hillary Robinson.
- 3.) There was discussion about whether to attempt to plan for the ND/SD Co-state Conference in person or virtually. Further discussion and a decision will be made after Laci confers with ND ASPIRE.
- 4.) The 2021 ASPIRE Conference is scheduled to be held in Sioux Falls October 11-13 in Sioux Falls at the Ramkota with the theme of "Cascading Impact".

Announcements

- Laci thanked everyone for their hard work with the students of South Dakota involved in TRIO.

- Martha Miller informed the members that two new hires in the USD TRIO program are former participants in TRIO. Caitlin Gourneau, who is a new employee with Talent Search, was one of Marion Blue Arm's students in Talent Search and Mikal Zere, currently working with USD SSS, was one of her students in Talent Search. It is exciting to see former TRIO students giving back to TRIO.

Adjournment

Stacey Kappes moved and Becki Rosane seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

E-business

On October 19, 2020, President Laci Hettick emailed the SD ASPIRE membership with information on the proposed changes to the SD Operating Guidelines. Her rationale for the changes is listed below:

Summary of rationale for changes

- ASPIRATIONS, an ASPIRE publication, no longer exists. I recommended omitted mention of the publication throughout the OGs.
- Updated committee language—since we recently made changes to our committees, I suggest changes to make all mention of committees uniform throughout the document
- I proposed changing the SD ASPIRE Media Relations Committee to the SD ASPIRE Public Relations Committee since this is what is titled at the regional level. Also, this committee is to be headed by the SD ASPIRE President-Elect per direction from ASPIRE President Rachel Lund

Becky Jensen moved that we approve the amendments to the SD Operating Guidelines as proposed. Stacey Kappes seconded. There were no questions or discussion. Voting by email then took place. The motion carried unanimously.