



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

**ASPIRE BUSINESS MEETING**  
**October 16 & 18, 2017**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**  
**Submitted by Jami Bayles**  
**APPROVED**

1 IN ATTENDANCE

2 OFFICERS

3 Kyle Ethelbah, President

4 Darlene Samson, President-Elect

5 Joseph Aguirre, Past-President

6 John Shafer, Treasurer

7 Jami Bayles, Secretary

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STATE PRESIDENTS

Lucia Delgado, Colorado State President

Theresa Rader, Montana State President

Dennis Stangl, North Dakota State President

Peggy Madrid, South Dakota State President

Rebecca Tierney, Utah State President

Paul Hesco, Wyoming State President

10 **CALL TO ORDER**

11 Meeting was called to order by Kyle at 8:09am.

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13 **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

14 Paul Hesco was appointed Parliamentarian and a quorum was established.

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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

17 Minutes from the October 2016 ASPIRE Business meetings were reviewed. With no corrections,  
18 Susan Hupp made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Paul Thayer seconds and motion  
19 carries.

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21 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

22 Kyle gave a brief summary of his President's report. He reported that 27% of ASPIRE Congressional  
23 delegation were willing to support the omnibus appropriations bill, which means an increase in  
24 funding to TRIO programs, and 36% were likely to support it. Regarding the FY 2018 TRIO  
25 appropriations request letter, 14% indicated they would sign on, and 38% were likely to sign. Kyle  
26 reported that in the ASPIRE region, 55% of Representatives have visited TRIO programs in their  
27 states, with another 82% willing to visit programs in the future. He stated that 24% of representatives  
28 were willing to join the TRIO Caucus. He briefly discussed the status of the Upward Bound, Veteran's  
29 Upward Bound, and Upward Bound Math/Science program competitions. As of early September, a  
30 total of 47 programs in the region were awarded. Four programs were lost, but seven new programs  
31 were awarded. The complete report is available on the ASPIRE website.

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33 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

34 John Shafer distributed reports to the membership. He discussed the profit and loss statement for 2016  
35 and explanations for each line item. He also explained that the majority of the personal donations were  
36 acquired through "donations in lieu of reimbursement" on behalf of the ASPIRE Board. He then gave  
37 an update on the ASPIRE budget as of 9/30/2017 and discussed each line item.

**ASPIRE REGION BUDGET, 2016**

**As of 12/31/2016**

		Current Checking Balance	\$	92,815.04			
		Current Savings Balance	\$	1,524.71			
		Long-Term Savings Accounts	\$	103,533.79			
		Accounts Receivable	\$	-			
		Accounts Payable					
		Prepaid Expenses	\$	1,431.25			
		Net Assets	\$	199,304.79			
<b>Income</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>		<b>Committee Expenses</b>		
Membership, Personal	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,363.75	\$ 2,303.75		Archivist	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Project Memberships	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 3,700.00		Awards	\$ 850.00	\$ 915.87
Personal Donations	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,002.29	\$ 3,002.29		By-Laws/Operating Guidelines		
Interest Income	\$ 675.00	\$ 469.59	\$ (205.41)		Corporate Development		
Conference	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 104,970.07	\$ 7,970.07		Development	\$ 350.00	\$ 570.37
Accounts Receivable	\$ -				Finance	\$ -	\$ 1,696.50
Corporate Development	\$ -				Governmental Relations	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,227.42
ELI	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)		ELI	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
COE Fair Share Contributions	\$ -	\$ 345.04	\$ 345.04		Membership	\$ 200.00	\$ 265.84
Miscellaneous Income		\$ 35.46	\$ 35.46		National TRIO Day		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$121,675.00</b>	<b>\$137,886.20</b>	<b>\$16,151.20</b>		State Initiatives	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
					TRIO Achievers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,164.01
<b>General Expenses</b>					Training/Prof. Development	\$ -	\$ 164.30
General Operating	\$ 500.00	\$ 388.90	\$ 111.10		<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,504.31</b>
Bank and Credit Card Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ 181.28	\$ (81.28)				
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,613.11	\$ (1,613.11)		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$121,675.00</b>	<b>\$137,886.20</b>
Executive Board	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 12,285.20	\$ 7,714.80		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$131,675.00</b>	<b>\$147,547.82</b>
COE Board Travel	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 25,405.17	\$ (13,405.17)		<b>Net Gain or Loss</b>	<b>\$ (10,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ (9,661.62)</b>
Insurance and Bond	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,456.00	\$ (6.00)				
Accountant	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,373.16	\$ (373.16)				
Audit	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ (1,400.00)				
Legal	\$ -						
Website and Domain	\$ 300.00	\$ 370.51	\$ 70.51				
Event Espresso	\$ 125.00	\$ 164.95	\$ (39.95)				
COE Membership	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00					
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)				
Conference	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 56,798.20	\$ (2,798.20)				
Legs & Regs	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,307.03	\$ (307.03)				
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$110,475.00</b>	<b>\$123,043.51</b>	<b>\$ (12,427.49)</b>				

**ASPIRE REGION BUDGET, 2017**

**As of 09/30/2017**

		Current Checking Balance	\$	147,800.33			
		Current Savings Balance	\$	1,525.28			
		Long-Term Savings Accounts	\$	103,631.00			
		Accounts Receivable					
		Accounts Payable					
		Prepaid Expenses					
		Net Assets	\$	252,956.61			
<b>Income</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>			<b>Committee Expenses</b>		
Membership, Personal	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,340.00			Archivist	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Project Memberships	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 4,550.00			Awards	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Personal Donations	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,149.97			By-Laws/Operating Guidelines	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 500.00	\$ -			Native American Committee	\$ 500.00	
Conference	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 82,904.00			Corporate Development	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -			Development	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Corporate Development	\$ -	\$ -			Finance	\$ -	\$ -
ELI	\$ -	\$ -			Governmental Relations	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,679.86
COE Fair Share Contributions	\$ -				ELI	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Income					Membership	\$ 300.00	\$ 42.47
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$122,200.00</b>	<b>\$100,943.97</b>			State Initiatives	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 500.00
					TRIO Achievers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
<b>General Expenses</b>					Training/Prof. Development	\$ -	
General Operating	\$ 500.00	\$ 338.23			<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 29,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,222.33</b>
Bank and Credit Card Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 3.00					
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,968.90			<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$122,200.00</b>	<b>\$100,943.97</b>
Executive Board	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 17,910.39			<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 29,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 53,227.96</b>
COE Board Travel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,436.12			<b>Net Gain or Loss</b>	<b>\$ 92,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 47,716.01</b>
Insurance and Bond	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 313.00					
Accountant	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,970.16					
Audit	\$ -	\$ -					
Legal	\$ -	\$ -					
Website and Domain	\$ 350.00	\$ 445.92					
Event Espresso	\$ 200.00	\$ -					
COE Membership	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -					
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -					
Conference	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 2,619.71					
Legs & Regs							
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$101,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,005.43</b>					

41 Kyle expressed his appreciation to John and presented him with a gift on behalf of the Board for his  
42 many years of service as Treasurer.

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## 44 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### 46 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

47 Ally Garcia gave a brief update from the Government Relations Committee. She thanked all of those  
48 who had contacted their congressional leaders and voiced their opposition to the Jason Lewis CTE  
49 (Career and Technical Education) Amendment, which did not pass. She stated while this was a victory  
50 for TRIO programs, there are challenges that still persist. In May 2017, President Trump called for the  
51 elimination of McNair programs in the FY 2018 budget request to congress. She encouraged all TRIO  
52 program directors to download advocacy packets, which can be found on the COE website, and invite  
53 their congressional leaders to their respective campuses in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of  
54 their programs. Ally extended an invitation to all ASPIRE members in joining the Governmental  
55 Relations committee, in order to plan as a region and mobilize efforts to best support TRIO programs  
56 and students. She also encouraged members to participate in the upcoming COE Policy Seminar.

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### 58 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

59 Before Cara Davis presented the official Membership Report, she gave a brief explanation of the  
60 benefits from becoming an ASPIRE Professional or Associate Member. She then reported that for  
61 2016-17, there were 342 members, with 73 of those being new members. Within the states, Colorado  
62 had 101 members; Montana had 58; North Dakota had 42; South Dakota had 27; Utah had 79; and  
63 Wyoming had 34. There were 317 Professional memberships, seven Associates, and seven Emeritus.

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### 65 DEVELOPMENT

66 Jami Bayles presented the membership with the ASPIRE Development and COE Fair Share reports.  
67 For COE Fair Share, ASPIRE as a region tied with the NEOA region for the highest achievement at 117%.  
68 This included Institutional Memberships and personal donations including the “10 for 10” campaign. For  
69 individual states, Colorado achieved 114%, Montana had 122%, North Dakota had 112%, South Dakota  
70 had 108%, Utah had 108%, and Wyoming had 143%. ASPIRE had 142 projects, with 85 paid projects  
71 memberships (60%). Paid Project Membership by state included Colorado at 37%; Montana at 76%, North  
72 Dakota at 53%, South Dakota at 60%, Utah at 100%, and Wyoming at 54%. Total personal donations to  
73 ASPIRE was \$3,606.

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## 75 **COE UPDATE**

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77 Maureen Hoyler, President of the Council for Opportunity in Education, shared some COE highlights  
78 with the membership. For 2016-17, TRIO received a \$60 million increase which equaled to a 3%  
79 increase for each program. Additionally, 39 new Educational Opportunity Center programs and 32  
80 new Talent Search programs were funded, nationally. For the 2017-18 year, an additional \$60 million  
81 increase has been requested. Final funding legislation will not be determined until early December.  
82 There will be no grant competition in Fiscal Year 2018 which means there is the potential of a 6%  
83 increase for programs. Maureen also spoke about the Lewis Amendment, which aims to move the  
84 \$60mil increase over to Career and Technical Education State Grants.

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## 88 **ELECTIONS**

89 Ben Hamman, Elections Chair, reported that the vacancies for the offices of Treasurer and President-  
90 Elect were now open. For the office of Treasurer, there was one nomination submitted via email,  
91 Bernie Phelps from the Upward Bound Math/Scienc program at Montana Tech. For the office of  
92 President-Elect, one nomination was submitted, Cynthia Ayala from the Upward Bound program at  
93 Pueblo Community College.

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95 **ACTION ITEMS**

96 1. Teresa de Herrera nominated Marilyn Thayer, Student Support Services Director at Colorado  
97 State University, for the position of Treasurer. Rachel Lund seconded and motion carried.

98 2. With no further nominations from the floor, Cynthia Ayala was elected to the office of  
99 President-Elect by acclamation.

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101 Elections for the office of Treasurer will take place later today.

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103 *The ASPIRE Business meeting recessed at 9:23am and reconvened on Wednesday, October 18 at 8:34am*  
104 *with Darlene Samson presiding as President.*

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106 **IN ATTENDANCE**

107 OFFICERS

108 Darlene Samson, President  
109 Cynthia Ayala, President-Elect  
110 Kyle Ethelbah, Past-President  
111 Marilyn Thayer, Treasurer  
112 Jami Bayles, Secretary

STATE PRESIDENTS

Brandi Scott, Colorado State President  
Theresa Rader, Montana State President  
Dennis Stangl, North Dakota State President  
Thomas Madut, South Dakota State President  
Rachel Lund, Utah State President  
Lori Brown-Wirth, Wyoming State President

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115 **OLD BUSINESS**

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117 STATE REPORTS

118 Each state president gave a brief report with highlights from their respective states. All state reports will be  
119 available on the ASPIRE website.

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121 ELECTIONS

122 Bernie Phelps withdrew her nomination for the office of Treasurer and Marilyn Thayer was elected Treasurer  
123 by acclamation.

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125 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

126 Darlene stated that the Executive Board made a decision to provide two conference registration waivers. They  
127 care currently working on the criteria and will update members with more information early next year.

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129 **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

130 Darlene called for a motion to adjourn. Dan Bengé so moved, Brandi Scott seconded, and the October 2017  
131 Regional ASPIRE Business meeting adjourned at 8:54am.