

WCSS Summer Retreat Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 2009

Present: Collum, Morgan, Herscher, Koren, DeHart, Newton, Braun, Walsko, Adams, Kadonsky, Foster, Schmidt, Donnelly, Michalko, Hartwick

The meeting was called to order at 8:35. Fellowship began the meeting. Collum sought feedback about the task force process of Sunday's meeting and received positive reviews.

WEAC Booth: Donnelly is seeking WCSS volunteers to help out at the booth at the WEAC Conference. The group discussed the effectiveness of the WEAC booth. Last year Donnelly attended the Northwest Educators' Conference. He would consider attending the Reading Conference with good literacy materials provided by WCSS.

Working Agreement: Herscher showed the revised wording of the working agreement from yesterday. Changes were made to the specific working agreement with IEC. There was a lengthy discussion about whether a deposit should be required of affiliated groups.

Kadonsky moved to accept the Working Agreement between the WCSS and Affiliated Groups form with minor editorial revisions as needed. Michalko seconded. Motion passed.

Break

Posters: Collum showed a set of posters created by UW-Stout students for the U.N. Take Action. Discussion ensued about the possibility of WCSS creating and distributing posters to social studies teachers. Possible topics include: Native American tribes in Wisconsin, economic literacy, community (elementary level), geography, global citizenship, and immigration. We could work with affiliated groups to create and fund the poster. One idea was to have a student artwork contest for the poster. Lessons associated with the posters at varying grade levels could be found at the WCSS website. Sliewicki will be contacted to serve as a liaison with Wisconsin tribes about creating a poster with a map of the Native American tribes in Wisconsin.

Working Agreement: DeHart moved to accept the agreement between the WCSS and Affiliated Groups that provide Monetary Support as a working document with minor editorial revision. Donnelly seconded. Motion passed.

Working Agreement: Discussion began about the Working Agreement between the WCSS and Affiliated Groups that Give Session Support. One example would be the Economics Council. The discussion was tabled for an on-line presentation by C-VENT at 10:30.

C-VENT: Nancy Huang, a C-VENT representative, gave an on-line presentation by speaker phone. Eric Anderson was on the telephone and website. Huang discussed the possibilities of using their system for conference registration for participants and exhibitors. Huang answered many questions from board members during the presentation. The presentation ended at 11:50.

While a group of Executive Board Members met with Dean Bowles (IEC), the remaining Board Members discussed C-VENT and their support of a poster with a map of Wisconsin showing the location of Native American tribes.

International Education Conference (IEC): Dean Bowles (IEC) joined the group for a working lunch at 12:45. Bowles made a presentation about the IEC – WCSS partnership. IEC provides 28-35 of program sessions with a global focus. IEC pays for their AV costs. Bowles understood the conflicts with registration. IEC selects one keynote speaker and pays for the associated costs. Bowles believed that the Sunday night documentary viewing last year was positive. He asked about university credit opportunities for attending the conference.

Bowles stressed the importance of making changes to the conference website only once. Bowles reiterated the system that works in regards to IEC evaluation forms and facilitators for IEC sessions. Bowles explained the publicity work IEC does – postcards and fliers.

C-VENT: There was a discussion about the positive and negative aspects of using C-VENT. Special concerns were raised about pricing and the time needed for Executive Board Members to use a new system. On-line registration and e-mail communication opportunities were listed as some strengths of C-VENT. A request was made for recommendations about C-VENT at the October 10 board meeting from the following office holders: President, President-Elect, Business Manager, Membership Chair, and Treasurer.

REPRESENTATION OF DELEGATES: Herscher moved to accept the recommendations of the Constitution/Delegates Task Force in regards to distribution of regional delegates to the WCSS Board. This includes adding a post-secondary student to the WCSS Board. The state will be divided into five regions by zip code. Two delegates will be elected from each region. Michalko seconded. The motion passed. This is a proposed change to the WCSS Constitution and will require a vote by the general membership at the Conference.

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR: Donnelly moved to accept the new appointed position of Conference Coordinator. Michalko seconded. The motion was withdrawn and the discussion tabled.

WEBSITE: The Website Task Force recommended that WCSS secure a financially feasible webmaster. The Technology Committee should solicit possible webmasters and determine the hours needed and the type of work to be accomplished by a webmaster.

All Board Members may make recommendations of possible webmasters to Collum. This will be reported at the October Board Meeting.

TASK FORCES: Tasks forces reported back on their action plans. Written goals of each task force should be submitted to Collum. The Forum and President's Newsletter will include a report from the retreat.

Herscher called for adjournment. Foster seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

The next Board Meeting will be October 10th in Green Bay.

Submitted by Christine Kadonsky