

NCSA Executive Board Meeting
February 3, 2004 – 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ramada Inn
Kearney, NE

Present: Glen Beran, Scott Dodson, Mark Murphy, Donna Moss, Charlene Snyder, Delores Rader, Tim Hoffman, Lynn Moeller, Al Inzerello, Dan Ernst, Barry Ballou, Mark Shepard, Terry Haack, Troy Loeffelholz, Katie Mathews, Jerry Sellentin, Julie Anshasi
Absent: Bob Uhing

- I. Call to Order – Glen Beran
Glen Beran called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Introductions were made.
- II. Approval of October 16, 2003 Executive Board minutes – Glen Beran. Motion to accept the minutes of October 16, 2003 by: **Lynn Moeller, seconded by Tim Hoffman. Motion carried.**
- III. Items added to agenda: None.
- IV. Motion to approve the agenda by: **Mark Shepard, seconded by Donna Moss. Motion carried.**
- V. Old Business
 - A. Audit Letter to Management
Jerry discussed the auditor's attempt to reconcile the general ledger accounts receivable account. No changes were recommended. Motion to accept NCSA's reply to the Letter to Management by: **Mark Shepard, seconded by Al Inzerello. Motion carried.**
 - B. LB 775
Jerry shared facts regarding LB 775. It has been beneficial, but there are concerns regarding it. If NCSA votes to rescind, it would cause major problems in the business community. Motion to recommend NCSA oppose the petition process for LB 775, but remain neutral on LB 775 itself by: **Dan Ernst, seconded by Al Inzerello. Motion carried (one opposed, one abstained).**
 - C. Nebraska Educators Leadership Institute
Jerry shared that this is the first year pilot program for the Institute. 24 people were selected for the program. It has exceeded most participants' expectations so far. Mark Shepard and Katie Mathews shared their perspectives of participating in the program, saying that they appreciated it and it has been a very positive experience.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Membership dues for 2004-2005
Jerry discussed the history of dues increases for NCSA membership. Increases have been minimal in the past. He recommended there be no increase for 04-05 and that NCSA continue to watch expenses. Discussion ensued as to whether

there would be enough funds for operating expenses, but NCSA does have a good cash reserve. Motion to not increase dues for 04-05 by: **Mark Murphy, seconded by Scott Dodson. Motion carried.**

B. Staff development fees for non-members

Jerry recommended a standard fee of one-half of the active membership dues amount, plus the regular program fee, for non-members to attend NCSA programs. Discussion ensued as to the fairness of this, and as to whether it would cause more people to become members. It was also discussed to put on program registration forms to “join NCSA now and pay the member rate.” Motion to charge non-NCSA members an additional fee of one-half of the active membership dues amount to attend NCSA-sponsored conferences and workshops, not affiliated with NDE, by: **Charlene Snyder, seconded by Terry Haack. Motion carried.**

C. *NCSA Today* circulation

Jerry recommended the *NCSA Today* be available only on-line, with a limited number of paper copies available for those without on-line capability. The postage and printing savings would help to offset the lack of a dues increase (item A above). Motion to offer the *NCSA Today* on-line for all active, associate and student members by: **Barry Ballou, seconded by Dan Ernst. Motion carried.**

VIII. Presentations by Dr. Richard Eisenhauer (NCSA chair 1975-76) and Dr. Jim Merritt (NCSA chair 1988-89). Both past chairs shared their experiences as administrators and the importance of overcoming obstacles and putting the well-being of children first.

VI. (Continued)

D. NCLB Resolution

The position paper was discussed. A modification was suggested to change the wording in item #3 to state: “Modify the requirements for students with disabilities and limited English-proficient students.” Motion to accept the position paper with the modification by: **Katie Mathews, seconded by Donna Moss. Motion carried.**

E. Affiliate budgets

Terry gave a history of the proposed changes to the affiliate budgets, dating back to changes discussed by the Finance Review Committee in June 2003. He discussed the Committee’s recommendation to allot each affiliate a base amount and to institute potential carryover amounts and penalties. Guidelines for affiliate spending were requested by Donna Moss and Charlene Snyder. More discussion is needed before the April Board meeting. No action was taken.

F. Legislative Chair approval

Mark Shepard filled in for Mike Dulaney. Motion to approve Phil Warrick as the Legislative chair by: **Terry Haack, seconded by Donna Moss. Motion carried.**

G. EHA

Jerry discussed conversations he’d had with John Mackiel of OPS. John has requested OPS be made an alternate on the EHA Board. In the past there has not been a limit placed on the number of alternates allowed on the Board. It was

suggested to place a three-year term limit on the position of alternate. Anyone can attend EHA Board meetings as an observer. After discussion it was decided that the NCSA Board is not comfortable with increasing the number of alternates on the EHA Board. Motion to keep the EHA Board member policy as it currently is by: **Katie Mathews, seconded by Donna Moss. Motion carried.**

VII. Reports

A. Associate Executive Director

Jerry filled in for Mike Dulaney. There are 42 days left in the Legislative session. He discussed several of the bills currently before the Legislature: LB 172, LB 1048, LB 896, LB 698, LB 1080, LB 1081 and others. Dan Ernst discussed Mike's meeting with Senator Stuhr, LPS and their attorneys and shared concerns regarding Anna Sullivan.

B. Training & Development – As Kelly Coash-Johnson is on maternity leave, no report was given.

C. Finance & Membership – Julie Anshasi discussed membership being down as compared to last year. Finances look good at this time.

D. Affiliate Presidents

Mark Shepard shared that there was good attendance at the last NASBO meeting. Scott Dodson discussed the NDP celebration for Mary Drew. He has been visiting the regions. NAESP is working to get the kindergarten eligibility birth date moved to August 1 (LB 934).

Charlene Snyder discussed the second joint meeting NASES has had with NDE. Lynn Moeller shared that NASSP has had their Executive Board meeting recently, and he is visiting the regions.

Delores Rader shared that NARSA met in September and will meet again later in February. There are no ongoing issues.

Dan Ernst said that the NASA/NASB conference went well. He has not been traveling a lot but is in contact with each region. Region 4 has hosted some major activities for NCSA

E. Vice Chair

Terry Haack had no report.

F. Chair

Glen Beran told Board members that Jerry Sellentin's evaluation form is on-line for them to complete by April 1st.

IX. Strategic Planning

Glen recommended that Don Fritz facilitate the strategic planning session which is scheduled for April.

X. Executive Session

Compensation issues – Motion to go into Executive Session by: **Terry Haack, seconded by Mark Shepard. Motion carried** to accept the Executive Director's recommendations.

XI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned.