

**Minutes from the 1997 Annual Business Meeting held in
Cincinnati
November 18-20, 1997
Council of State Social Studies Specialists
Business Meeting**

Wednesday, November 19, 1997

- Meeting officially called to order at 10:00 am by President Jim Wetzler
 - Introduction of Executive Committee
 - President - Jim Wetzler
 - President-Elect - Karen R. Todorov
 - Secretary/Treasure - John LeFeber
 - Past President - Lewis Huffman
 - Director - Marianne Kenney
 - Director - Marjorie J. Menzi
 - Marjorie was unable to join us and she sends her regrets and regards
 - Member-at-Large - Constance Miller-Manter
 - Welcome expressed to members by Jim Wetzler
- Special welcome to our new members
- Review of the minutes of the 1996 Business Meeting held in Washington, D.C.
 - Minutes accepted as read
 - Motioned, Seconded, and Approved
- Treasury report given by John LeFeber
 - In our NCSS account we have \$3392.31
 - In our CS4 account we have \$1523.65
 - Motioned, Seconded, and Approved
- Membership recommendation from the Executive Committee
 - Phil Bacon - Honorary Member
 - National Council of Geographic Education - Organizational Member
 - Southern Center for International Studies Diane Sloan - Organizational Member
 - People of America Foundation, Allen Kullen - Organizational Member
 - Holocaust Museum, Dawn Warful - Organizational Member
- Thank you offer to John LeFeber for the CS4 Directory
 - Members were asked to check the directory for accuracy and make or submit corrections
 - Changes made to the directory will be shared with membership via listserve (cs4@nde4.nde.state.ne.us) or CS4 Homepage (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/SS/cs4.html>)
- Business meeting suspended at 10:20 am

Thursday, 20 November 1997

Business meeting resumed at 9:15

- New Business offered by President Jim Wetzler
- Past-President Lewis Huffman offered the nominating committee's slate for 1997 - 98 CS4 officers
 - Member-at-Large - Doug Robertson, North Carolina
 - Director - Connie Manter-Miller, Maine
 - President Elect - Barbara Patty, Arkansas
- Nomination slate presented
 - Motioned, Seconded, and Approved
- Recommendation from Executive Committee to have NCSS reserve a block of sleeping rooms at the 1998 conference
 - Concern expressed that some state government requires that reservation be made at hotels with "moderate" rates.
 - Concern that NCSS recognize the needs of CS4 and not to shuffle CS4 to a "lesser" hotel.
 - Concern expressed that CS4 will not be held liable for rooms not reserved
 - Reservation will need to be made in a timely fashion by CS4 members
 - Reservation information will initially sent out through the CS4 listserve
 - Motion made to pursue the reserving of a block of rooms for CS4 in the conference hotel at the 1998 conference
 - Motioned, Seconded, and Approved
- Discussion held on timing for CS4 meeting
 - Do we want to overlap days with CS4 and NCSS?
 - Do we want to meet one day earlier?
 - Concern that we need to foster our committee relationships but that the timing does not always work with our meetings
 - Decision to maintain the present format
- Peggy Altoff gave an update on the NCSS Cincinnati Conference
 - 3100 preregistration
 - budgeted for 3500 registrants
 - NCSS is hoping for 4000
 - 1/3 of the registrants are first time attendees
- Reminder that the Executive Committee would like suggestions for next years meeting.
- Discussion held on how CS4 can become more pro-active
- Last year Fred Czarra sent a memo to Executive Director of CCSSO asking them to continue their support for the subject area of Social Studies
- Lewis Huffman offered to chair a committee that will develop a white paper establishing CS4's support for why social studies is important.

Chair: Lewis Huffman

Kent Minor

Karen R. Todorov

Warren Solomon

Committee will develop a white paper that will be discussed at the next CS4 Annual Meeting.

- Discussion on the Social Studies Survey

The survey has not been updated for this year.

CS4 will have the survey posted on our homepage and then states can examine and update as changes are made.

<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/SS/cs4.html>

John LeFeber requested that updates be made by email or on disk

CS4 will still print limited copies for distribution by NCSS

- Thank you expressed to Susan Temple for her efforts in trying to get Grant Wiggins for the CS4 meeting

- Discussion on the sponsorship strategy for CS4 meetings

We need to begin early, many sponsors create their budgets very early.

A sponsorship committee was formed and chaired by Joann Prewitt

Chair - Joann Prewitt

Jim Wetzler

Marianne Kenney

Peggy Altof

Eric Goldman

- Concern discussed about use of our listserve

John LeFeber will explore ways that we can make the CS4 listserve more secure.

Use of listserve to share what we are doing in our states.

- Brenda Smith suggested that each state prepare a short page that would share what we have done within our states, during the year.

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enough copies for each attendee

- Meeting officially adjourned at 10:00 am by President Jim Wetzler

Motioned, Seconded, and Approved