



Minutes from the 2006 Annual Business Meeting
held in Washington, D.C.
November 28 -30, 2006



Council of State Social Studies Specialists

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

Meeting officially called to order @ 9:52 pm by President Chris McGrew

- Bill Muthig served as the meeting parliamentary.
- Chris McGrew offered a welcome to Washington, D.C. and CS4's 41th annual meeting
- The agenda was reviewed by Chris McGrew
- Recognition of Lewis Huffman and his planning committee for the planning of this CS4 meeting and a hearty thank-you.
 - Andrea Morgan, OR
 - Larry Starr, NE
 - Michelle Ungurait, TX
 - Marcia Taylor-Thoma, MD
- Review of the agenda by Chris McGrew
- Minutes for the 2005 CS4 Annual meeting were presented by John LeFeber.
 - Correction - remove the w from Kelly Curtright's name
 - Correction - correct abbreviation of West Virginia
- Minutes will be posted on the homepage at the following URL <http://www.cs4online.org/minutes.html>
- Treasury status presented by John LeFeber
 - At this point CS4 and NCSS are discussing and clarifying the status of the CS4 account within the NCSS account. There have been some inconsistencies between our accounting and NCSS accounting. At this point our account is not reflecting an accurate accounting we are examining the income and billing from last years meeting.
- Chris McGrew recognized and thanked the CS4 Nomination committee
 - Chris McGrew, IN
 - Bill Muthig, OH
 - Levon Terrell, FL
 - Carol Warren, AZ
- Chris McGrew presenting a slate of officers
 - Andrea Morgan, OR: President Elect (1 year)
 - Larry Starr, NE: Director (2 years)
 - Membership was asked if there were any nominations from the floor that they be referred to one of the nomination committee members.
 - Voting on the proposed slate of officers will be during the 2nd Business Meeting
- Committee Reports were requested and discussed
 - Point was made that NCSS rotates committee members in July - CS4 selects committee members to serves at the next conference
 - NCSS is moving from a committee structure to a community structure
 - Number of members per committee will be streamlined
 - Awards and FASSE committee has been represented by Ken Relehan, NH - he agreed to attend the committee meetings this year but requests that he be replaced for the 2007 year
 - The FASSE committee discussed that NCSS told FASSE that they could not raffle items for a fund raiser
 - The awards committee spent time talking about the mechanics, evaluation and guidelines for the awards - specifically the McAuliffe award
 - Marilyn Palmer, NC volunteered to serve on the Awards and FASSE committee
 - The Research and Publications have been represented by Judy Butler, GA
 - The Research committee was represented by Larry Paska, NY
 - Topics that were discussed ranged from HQT to research topics that can be used by social studies teachers
 - The Academic committee was represented by Donna Shouse, KY
 - The committee spent time discussing teacher awards for academic excellence
 - The Teacher Education and Professional Development committee was represented by Mark Kopp, KY
 - NCLB and its emphasis on social studies was discussed
 - The Instruction committee was represented by Bill Cranshaw, GA
 - The committee discussed differentiated instructional and what position or policy NCSS needs to develop
 - The Nomination committee is represented by Cricket Kidwell, CA for another 1 ½ years
 - The Membership committee is represented by Michelle Ungurait, TX and she requested to be replaced
 - JoAnn Larson, NY and Leslie Skinner, SC volunteered to represent CS4 on the Assessment committee.
 - Lynn Stanley, KS volunteered to represent CS4 on the Membership committee.
- There was no more unfinished business

Thursday, 30 November 2006

Business session II resumed by President Chris McGrew @ 9:15 a.m.

- Thank you was offered to our sponsors for the 2006 CS4 Annual Meeting was offered by Chris McGrew.
 - Gibbs Smith, Publisher
 - Holt, Rinehart and Winston
 - George F. Cram Company
 - Macmillan/McGraw-Hill
 - McDougal Littell
 - Nystrom
 - The National Archives
 - Newsweek Education Program
 - People of America Foundation
 - TCI/Bringing Learning Alive!
 - Verizon Foundation
 - Introduction of new CS4 members
 - Chauncey Spears, MS
 - Jesse Nickelson, D.C.
 - Kelli Thomas, NC
 - Melissa Lara, NC
 - Nettie Carson-Mullins, AI
 - Stephanie Hartman, NV
 - Tom Collins, WY
 - Valorie Hargett, NC
 - No further old business - Chris McGrew proceeded to entertain new business.
 - Bill Muthig, OH discussed the implications of CS4's representation on the NCSS House of Delegates
 - Issues discussed:
 - The function of the CS4 member
 - Logistics for CS4 members
 - How are we to select the delegate?
 - What committees, if any are associated with representation
 - Term of representation
 - Implications of the Summer Leadership conference
 - 1 year term - are we a "lame duck"
 - Conclusion that there are more issues than just having a representative.
 - Karen R. Todorov, MI voiced her appreciation for the thoughtful discussion but felt that she needed to express her concern that we were reacting to a "false alarm."
 - Representation provides us with a voice as an associated group within the House of Delegates
 - CS4 can self select a representative
 - This should be viewed as a "challenge" that we embrace - a "challenge" that offers the opportunity for CS4 to bring "our" issues to the fore front.
 - Marcia Talyor-Thoma, MD agreed with Karen R. Todorov
 - CS4's voice needs to be represented
 - The Summer Leadership conference issue can be addressed via technology
 - No official action was taken - the challenge was to keep informed of the opportunity
 - Discussed Survey updates
 - Spirited discussion was centered around the issue of Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT)
 - John LeFeber accepted the responsibility for the HQT survey not going out
 - Discussion was held on whether this is a current topic for concern or not
 - Varied opinions based on state issues and CS4's involvement in those issues.
 - Karen R. Todorov, MI raised a point of order
 - Moved that CS4 discontinue work on the HQT survey and to have CS4 monitor the HQT movement.
- Motion made to accept, Seconded, and Approved*
- Committee was formed to work on the National Survey of State Requirements, Course Offerings, and Assessment in Social Studies.

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- Discussion was held on CS4 supporting the expense of a server for the CS4 website.

Motion made to accept, Seconded, and Approved
- Nomination committee presented slate for the 2006-2007 Executive Board by William Muthig, OH
 - Andrea Morgan, OR for President Elect (1 year)
 - Larry Starr, NE for Director (2 years)
 - Nominations from the floor: none
 - Moved to accept present slate of officers

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- The Executive Committee presented appointments to the Executive Board
 - Caleb Perkins, WA for Director (1 year term)
- Request made to the membership for any new business
- There was general discussion about sessions at NCSS, openings at post-secondary institutions, fellowship opportunities.
- The domain for CS4 is <http://www.cs4online.org> and the discussion board address is www.cs4online.org/phpBB2/

Meeting officially adjourned @ 10:30 am by President Chris McGrew

Motioned, Seconded, and Approved