



**Minutes from the 2008 Annual Business Meeting
held in Houston, TX
November 11 - 13, 2008**



Council of State Social Studies Specialists

Wednesday, 11 November 2008

Meeting officially called to order @ 9:35 am by President Andrea Morgan

- Andrea Morgan offered a welcome to Houston, TX. and CS4's 43rd annual meeting
- Welcome and recognition of new members and new attendees
 - Brenda Barr, CO
 - Jana Boody, MN
 - Julie Brelsford, TX
 - Rosemary Morrow, TX
 - Tom Sutton, UT
- Andrea Morgan thanked President Elect Maggie Herrick for a job well done in planning this years meeting. Maggie Herrick reviewed the program
 - Maggie Herrick thank John LeFeber and the National Council on Economic Education
- Andrea Morgan expressed CS4's recognition and appreciation for the sponsors that support our annual meeting.
 - Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
 - eInnstruction
 - Gibbs Smith, Publisher
 - Verizon Foundation/Thinkfinity.org
 - Holt, McDougal
 - Nystrom
 - The National Council on Economic Education
- Minutes for the 2007 CS4 Annual meeting were presented by John LeFeber.

Motion made to accept, seconded,

Discussion

- Correction – correct spelling and state for Preston Shockley, DE
- Correction – correct state for Paula Goss, KY
- Correction – correct spelling for Kenneth Relihan, NH
- Correction – correct spelling for Robert Austin, UT

and approved

- Minutes will be posted on the homepage at the following URL <http://www.cs4online.org/minutes.html>

- Treasury status presented by John LeFeber

Motion made to accept, seconded,

Discussion

- At this point CS4 and NCSS continue to clarify the status of the CS4 account within the NCSS account. The inconsistency between our accounting and NCSS accounting has been brought to the attention of NCSS and they are and continue to adjust the CS4 account.
- Note the CS4 account is in the black and John LeFeber will continue to work with NCSS in the adjustment of our present account with NCSS

and approved

Old Business

- Communication
 - Thank you was offered to the attending CS4 members for responding to the online requests. A request was made by John LeFeber that we need to be proactive in contacting all of the CS4 members.
- Discussion on the completion of the CS4 National Survey of State Requirements, Course Offerings, and Assessment in Social Studies
 - John LeFeber has taken the existing survey questions and imported them into SurveyMonkey with editing assistance from Maggie Herrick, AR and Lewis Huffman, SC
 - Sheree Baird suggested that we post a copy on the Discussion Board with the intent to have CS4 members to review and provide input.
 - The outcome of discussion was to have the survey on line and Regular members notified by the first month of 2009

Moved, seconded, and approved

- Committee representation and reporting was requested and discussed
 - The NCSS Committee listing was distributed with the request for members to sign up to represent CS4
 - **Academic Committee:**
 - **Archives Committee:** Rosemary Morrow, TX
 - **Assessment Committee:**
 - **Awards Committee:**
 - **Conference Committee:**
 - **Instruction Committee:**
 - **Membership Committee:**
 - **Nominations and Elections Committee:** Cricket Kidwell, CA sits on that committee
 - **Public Relations/Government Relations Committee:** Beth Ratway, WI

- **Publications Committee:**
- **Research and Publications Committee:**
- **Research Committee:**
- **Teacher Education and Professional Development:**
- Peggy Altoff reminded the CS4 membership that Beth Ratway, WI was elected to the NCSS board and will be representing CS4
- CS4 will be represented at the NCSS House of Delegates
 - Lewis Huffman, SC
 - Stephanie Hartman, NV
 - Paula Goss, KY
 - Brenda Barr, CO

New Business

- Andrea Morgan presented the Executive Boards nomination slate for the 2008-2009 Executive Board
 - Bill Cranshaw, GA for President elect (2009)
 - Stephanie Hartman, NV and Mark Kopp, KY for directory (2010)
 - Appointed: Jerrie Brown, NC to fill Robert Austin's, UT Directory term (2009)
 - Appointed: Larry Paska, NY to fill Bill Cranshaw's, GA Member-at-Large term (2010)
- Andrea Morgan also asked for nominations from the floor
 - Mark Kopp, KY requested to have his name withdrawn from the slate – with the intent that support would not be divided

The 2008 business meeting was suspended @ 10:30 am until Business Session II

Thursday, 13 November 2008

The 2008 business session II resumed by President Andrea Morgan @ 11:05 am

- Andrea Morgan began the II business session by asking if there were any nominations from the floor for the 2008-2009 Executive Board.
 - There were no nominations from the floor.
 - Nominations for the 2008-2009 Executive Board were closed
- Andrea Morgan requested a motion to accept the Executive Boards nomination slate for the 2008-2009 Executive Board
 - To be elected:
 - Bill Cranshaw, GA for President elect (2009)
 - Stephanie Hartman, NV and Mark Kopp, KY for directory (2010)
 - To be appointed:
 - Appointed: Jerrie Brown, NC to fill Robert Austin's, UT Directory term (2009)
 - Appointed: Larry Paska, NY to fill Bill Cranshaw's, GA Member-at-Large term (2010)

Moved, seconded, and approved
- Requests for Organizational membership status
 - Renee Jefferson-Copeland, US Census Bureau

Moved, seconded, and approved
- Requests for Associate membership status
 - Robert Austin, UT
 - Brenda Robertson, SD
 - Joann Prewitt, DE (MS)
 - Esther Dunnegan, NC

Moved, seconded, and approved
- Larry Paska, NY submitted the following item for consideration
 - Expanded collaboration across NCSS associated groups. Given the various state and national efforts to revise social studies standards, further collaboration across the four NCSS associated groups (CS4, CUFA, IA, and NSSSA) could ensure strong dialogue and positive action steps to affect the strengthening of social studies teaching and learning. It is proposed that CS4 consider suggestions for inter-group collaborations that can be shared with these groups.
- Andrea Morgan requested a motion to consider Larry Paska's business item

Moved, seconded,

Discussion

- Comment was made that CS4 members need to read [The Handbook of Research on Social Studies Education](#)
- Comment was made that this item has the potential of facilitate our respective roles. That this collaboration needs to take place as many states and organizations deal with the economics of the time.
- Comment was made to invite CUFA, IA, and NSSSA to meet and discuss the potential of meeting with a clear purpose and direction. Consideration to use the 2009 NCSS conference theme

- Comment was made to consider creating a survey for all of the groups to review what are the issues that we all deal with.
- Comment was made to have President Maggie Herrick invite CUFFA, IA, and NSSSA to meet via technology and discuss what issues that arise with a joint meeting

and approved

- Discussion about what CS4 can do to insure better attendance
- Discussion about reviewing the existing mission and work of CS4 – what do we do as a CS4 group
- Comment was made that we work on a historical perspective for CS4 and post it on the website and/or discussion board.
- Discussion about the stand that CS4 should and can take on issues
- Motion was made to have the Executive Board create a small group to, electronically, revisit the mission and goals for CS4 that can help facilitate a session at next years meeting.

Moved, seconded, and approved

- A call for volunteers to serve on this small group was made and the following offered to serve.
 - Jerrie Brown, NC
 - Stephanie Hartman, NV
 - Lewis Huffman, SC
 - Dusty Schockley, DE
 - Tom Sutton, UT
- An issue was raised about CS4 sponsorship and what we as an organization can do to help with this.
 - Discussion about ways that CS4 can facilitate the sponsorship issue.
 - Comment was made that CS4 needs to consider a marketing strategy so that we are creating visibility for CS4
 - Comment made about contacting local groups for sponsorship as well as expanding sponsorship into other organizations
 - Motion was made to open up the sponsorship process to the entire CS4 organization with a process to communicate the potential need and to identify possible sponsors.

Moved, seconded, and approved

- Paula Goss, KY informed the members that Kentucky has created a website to support the Lincoln Bicentennial. This site will go live in the near future and she will post it on the discussion board.
- The domain for CS4 is <http://www.cs4online.org> and the discussion board address is www.cs4online.org/phpBB3/

Meeting officially adjourned @ 12:10 pm by President Andrea Morgan

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and approved