

2004 Conference - Pittsburgh [APPROVED]

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National Conference of Governor's Schools
Minutes of the Business Sessions
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
MINUTES

Reporting

- President Daniel Hocutt called the Annual Business meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. After the agenda was presented, Bob Seney moved that all participants be given voice and vote in the proceedings of the meeting. Seconded and passed.

- Bob Seney moved that the Minutes of the last Business meeting which was held at the Retreat in Fargo, North Dakota, and published on the web site be accepted. Seconded and Passed.

- Daniel called for the report of the Nominating Committee. George Keller, Chair presented the following slate of officers to be elected for two-year terms.

- President: Daniel Hocutt

- President-Elect: Jean Olson

- Treasurer: Mary Daley

- Secretary: Heather Weston

- At-Large: Lonnie Hass

- At-Large: Karen Narkevic

- At-Large: Sheryl Johnson The slate was elected by acclamation. Ted Tarkow will continue to serve as Past President, a position now fondly called the Perpetual Past Presidency, so beautifully and often humorously served by Ted.

- Mary Daley presented the Treasurer's Report, which does not reflect income or expenses from the conference. The current balance is \$6710.51. Ted Tarkow moved the acceptance of the report. Seconded and passed.

- Daniel then presented his report on the Committee's Work to contact the Governors. A summary of his report follows:

- The letter was drafted at the Fargo Retreat.

- Virginia Uldrick revised and sent the letter with a second letter from Governor Riley, former Governor of South Carolina, who is a major supporter of governor's schools.

- Virginia has communicated to those who responded.

- Daniel has also responded with a letter.

- Daniel reported that the project is on-going.

- A copy of the letter has been attached.

- Daniel then received an invitation from the Virginia Governor's School of the Humanities and Performing Arts to host the 2005 Retreat in Richmond, Virginia. Sheryl Johnson submitted the invitation. The invitation was accepted.

Tentative dates for the Retreat were set for October 6-9, 2005.

Old Business

- The Action Plans from the Standing Committees were reported in the morning work session. These notes are available in Daniel's & Executive Report; Summary of Significant Items:

- Advocacy/Communication Committee reported that they would focus on our Missing-in-Action members. Mary Daley would draft a one-page brochure by October 31 and send it to Heather with text and pictures to be put in an appropriate format for review by the Executive Committee at the February planning meeting. It would be sent out soon after and posted to the web.

- This committee also announced its new strategy: RARN (Rapid Action Response Network), as a means of continuing communication.

- It was requested that a password protection file be developed for members for secure communication among members.

- Mary Daley, Jean Olson, & Jeff Cole committed to representing NAGS at the New England Conference for Gifted Education on October 20, 2005.

- Jean Olson requested comments and suggestions on ways to effectively approach School Board to advocate better service for gifted students. Jean has presented to one school board. Several suggestions were offered and Jean requested that other suggestions be sent to her.

New Business

- Chris Campolo was to contact each Governor's School, especially those with new contact personnel, requesting updated information (on-going). It was decided that we would list Governor's Schools on the web by program types.

- The focus of the Richmond Retreat was discussed. The following points were suggested as agenda items:

- We need to clarify that any and all members are encouraged to attend.

- Two Board Members from each State with Governor's Schools should be selected for the Board of Directors and should attend the Retreat.

- Review our web site to insure that it is doing what we need. How are we using it to expand governor's schools and to enhance communication among governor's schools?

- Telling our story and telling it well should be a major focus.

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- Membership and growth
 - Role of governor's school alumni in serving NCoGS.
 - Discussion/workshop on "creative budgeting" for our governor's schools – doing more with less.
 - It was announced that Bob Seney would be the Chair of the World Conference for Gifted Children in New Orleans, August 3-7, 2005. Mark Mishou, Mississippi Governor's School, will serve as the Treasurer of the conference. It was decided that a proposal for a session on Governor's Schools would be submitted. Bob will write the proposal as a group presentation of officers and members of NCoGS. The following expressed their interest in presenting: George Keller, Heather Weston Bell, Lonnie Hass, Donnie Osman, Ted Tarkow, and Karen Narkevic.
 - Ted moved that \$1200 be made available to help pay expenses for the presenters. Seconded and passed.
 - Daniel then expressed our thanks to Karen Narkevic and Patti Henderson for hosting the Conference. Approval was expressed with a roaring round of applause. A special "thank you" was extended to Patti for her muscle in setting up the facility for the Reception at the Chatham Village Hall.*
 - Daniel asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark moved. Second and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

*At the Reception at Chatham Hall Village two of our own were honored for their service to NCoGS and Governor's Schools, Lilian Press and Peter Berget. As well, Karen Narkevic presented an award to the Southwest AHEC (Area Health Education Center), a strong supporter of the Pennsylvania program.

A final note: It has truly been my pleasure and my joy to serve NCoGS as your Secretary. I hope that my sometimes irreverent twist to the Minutes of our meetings have not only spiced their reading interest but reflected the special camaraderie found in this very special organization. I step down only because of my involvement in the World Conference and since I am approaching retirement in 2006. I hope to continue my involvement with this organization and with this truly wonderful group – Ted's humor notwithstanding.

Respectfully submitted

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