
2005 Retreat - Richmond [APPROVED]

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National Association of Governor's Schools Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting October 7, 2005 Biannual Retreat Richmond, Virginia

President Daniel Hocutt called the Annual Business meeting to order at 8:57 a.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.

Daniel Hocutt moved that the Minutes of the last Business meeting which was held at the Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and published on the web site be accepted as corrected. Seconded and Passed. Daniel moved that the Minutes of the last Planning meeting be accepted. Seconded and passed.

Daniel called for the Treasurer's Report, given by Mary Daley. Mary reported that following the 2004 Conference, \$780 in dues was paid by members who did not attend. The current balance is \$8423.88. Dues reminders have been mailed, as well as membership forms to be completed. Daniel moved the acceptance of the report. Seconded by Sheryl, and passed.

Old Business

Reports from the Standing Committees:

- Advocacy/Communications: Lori reported success of placing phone calls to recruit retreat attendees and membership to NCoGS. With regards to website, Daniel noted the ability of programs represented to update program information over the course of the Retreat working sessions. Jean reported the upcoming presentation to the New England Conference, with 500 people representing gifted education.
- Cooperation: Report on the status of RARN; need to identify a point person if the function is to continue; Daniel reminded the group of a major benefit to NCoGS members is access to the Yahoo group which contains resources and provides a vehicle for communication. Daniel reported successful conferencing among the Executive Committee members February through May 2005, which is to continue following Retreat month.
- Resources/Tools: As previously noted, Yahoo group serves as a password protected forum for sharing documents and other program resources.

PowerPoint presentation, as completed for the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. Membership pleased with the quality, and added the following feedback: include anecdotes, quotes, and student outcomes as part of the content.

New Business

- The Bylaws need revision, as they originated in 1987 and were last revised October 3, 1998. A working group will be formed to make recommendations during the Retreat and continue through the work of the Executive Committee for approval at the 2006 Conference.
- The 2006 conference was discussed with regards to New Orleans serving as host, as represented by letter from Josh Brown. Josh reported the state appropriation was unknown, as is the status of the 2006 summer program. NCoGS unanimously agreed to continue plans for a conference in New Orleans with a contingent site of Memphis, TN. Additionally, NCoGS discussed providing any resources possible, such as individual programs hosting LA students, should a 2006 program not occur. Daniel responded to the enthusiasm with a move from Bob to communicate to Josh NCoGS support, as well as extend a seat on the Executive Committee. Seconded and passes. The 2007 retreat will take place in Kentucky.
- Daniel presented the Jim Bray and Lillian Press on this 7th day of October at the Biennial Retreat to Robert Seney for distinguished service to NCoGS and the field of gifted education; a letter of congratulations will be sent to Governor Huckabee of Arkansas from NCoGS. Moved by the award, Bob relayed his heartfelt passion for the work of Governor's Schools and the members of NCoGS.

Business Session continued Saturday, October 8

- Daniel reported Josh Brown's enthusiasm in accepting the invitation to serve as host to a planning session in January and a Conference in October. Josh agreed to Memphis serving as a secondary conference host, and responded that he should know the status of the Louisiana program in March/April.
- The group dialogued commissioning for conferences. NCoGS will provide appropriate reimbursement, deemed \$500/person, for travel and expense reimbursement for NCoGS representation at upcoming conferences, such as National Association of Gifted Children.
- NCoGS to pay follow-up consultation for Governor's School work with Eric Johnson at his designated hourly rate. Lori moved. Seconded and passed.
- Discussion of status of Governor's Schools not represented. Members volunteered to contact Schools for report back to NCoGS:
- DE: Daniel

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- MI: Ted
 - SC: Aris
 - NC & NV: Heather
 - CA: Mary
 - OH: Karen
 - WY: Jean
 - NJ: Lori
 - Reports on accomplishments of Retreat included the following:
 - Bylaws: Successful progress at Retreat; work ongoing through the Executive Committee; to be voted on at October 2006 Conference
 - Membership: States’ to self-determine membership by state or program to accommodate the diversity of programs represented
 - Website consultations: Very positive reception by group to website assistance in group setting and individual attention
 - Promotional Materials: Continue to share resources and ideas with one another
 - Yahoo Memberships: 8 programs were added during the Retreat
 - Updating program information: Daniel reported a URL will be established and sent to individual programs to update information using an on-line password
 - Daniel to send an on-line survey on Retreat to be completed
 - Time frame for 2006 conference: Columbus Day weekend
 - Potential themes for 2006 Conference
 - 20th Anniversary: Looking Back, Looking Forward
 - Funding/Fundraising
 - Using Technology
 - Daniel expressed NCoGS thanks to Sheryl Johnson, Lori Bucco and Jeff Cole for hosting the Retreat. Approval was expressed with a roaring round of applause.
 - Daniel asked for a motion to adjourn. Bob moved. Second and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.