

**Minutes – FCSS Meeting**  
**Friday/Saturday - January 28-29, 2011**

Friday – Meeting called to order – President Kris Scola – 8:10 PM

**Present:** Cherie Arnette, Michelle Arquines, E. Sue Ayers, Aimee Ballans, Ted Banton, Elisa Beachy, Connie Brown, Jason Caros, Mikeol Stroh, Pete Cowdrey, Jessica Day, Ralph Egolf, Mary Ellen Falvey, Randy Felton, Susie Fogarty, Rose Gatens, Julie Gates, Sabrina Gates-McCarthy, Tom Glaser, Fran Holleran, Lori Jones, Leslie Lee, Angela Lewis-Williams, Nicole Marsala, Maureen Marullo, Linda Medvin, Susan Oliver, Jane Palmer, Virginia Parra, Janie Phelps, Beth Patterson, Ralph Ricard, Mark Quintana, Karen Roberts, Ben Saxon, Kris Scola, Tina Stavrou-Klem, Terry Trimble, Robert McLauren

**Absent:** Tomi Sue Skirvin, Regina Stuck, Judy Nugent, Joanne Wetzl

**President's Remarks** – Kris Scola

- Thanked Steve Olsen, Pearson for dinner
- Welcomed everyone for the Board Meeting
- Guest – Ellen Bibkin with Maureen Marullo (may start a local council)
- Mentioned Board Members that had notified of being absent
- Announcements – NCSS Awarded Council with Silver Star Award, and Toni Kirkwood from Florida State University received Distinguished Global Scholar Award.
- At NCSS, attended Leadership Meeting – California led meeting on Advocacy. Florida is above everyone on advocacy with legislative issues.
- Received a Thank You note from Florida State University for \$25,000 with matching funds from the state.
- Sent letter to Commissioner Eric Smith about textbooks having standards in student textbooks, which is distracting for student readers. DOE is making it mandatory in new textbooks.
- Approval of September Board Minutes
  1. Corrections: Jennifer Smith – resigned;
  2. Position on Endowment – Julie Gates – elected positionMotion to approve – Jane Palmer, second – Susie Fogarty, minutes approved.
- Leadership Retreat – April Board Meeting – information to download sent by Kris, then we can update for everyone a New Board Manual
- Management Team – District Director Goals need to be filed to Vice- President – Jason Caros during January and September. April is time for Goal Setting for Districts

**Update from DOE – Patti Ceci**

- Standards – Next Generation Standards (Not Adopting Common Core Standards at this time) similar to the National Standards that Language Arts and Math currently have
- Publishers are required on our content standards pages 63-69 (History/SS Literacy Standards) This information will be sent to Kris, and then sent to us.
- Discussion – Civics – How can we insure our students are prepared?
- Patti also is moving to a new position at DOE and Jason Caros mentioned how much we appreciate Patti's time, and help for FCSS.

#### Budget Report – Executive Director – Ralph Egolf

- Conference income up. Orange County came through with 170 people. Jason Caros sent people to pre-con which was great and Marion & Leon counties came through with Conference Sponsorships.
- Handed out Conference Sheet (financial statement) – double from last year.
- Annual Financial Statement given and Ralph answered questions
- 9:10 PM Motion made by Terry Trimble, seconded by Fran Holleran - adjourn to committee as a whole to work on budget.

Committee worked on current budget for the year

- 9:25 Motion made by Jane Palmer to return from committee as a whole, second by Pete Cowdrey.
- Adjourned from committee as a whole
- Break and re – adjourned at 9:35 PM

#### Publications/Website Information – Mark Quintana

- Started reaching out again to sponsors as to their commitment to the website or they will be removed. Verbal commitment - \$1,000
- Rate for a year on website - \$350.00
- Trends and Issues – 2 electronic issues – March 1 deadline. Guidelines – nothing more than 2 pages.
- Newsletter – Barbara Davis leaving and Mary Ellen Falvey taking over.
- Facebook exposure growing – Conference pictures on Facebook.
- Leadership Retreat Outcomes – At the leadership retreat, the following people were designated as a committee to look into information for a new website; Fran Holleran, Ralph Egolf, Susan Oliver, Mark Quintana
  1. Problems exist within the website that we would have to pay Mercury for things we cannot fix internally.
  2. Discussed that asking the Endowment for funds over what the budget states to assist in update of the website.
  3. This would amount to about \$20,000 for a new website up and running by June 1, 2011.
  4. This website would be similar to others like the Florida Humanities Council, and the Linda Medvin discussed how FLDOE Holocaust website works with Mercury and how easy they are to accommodate people.

#### Conference Report – Ted Banton – Conference Chair

- 2011 Conference at St. Pete Hilton Bayfront – October 14-16
- Thanks were expressed to conference committee and district directors
- Possible themes for the conference – “Today’s Social Studies, Building Tomorrow’s Citizens”; “Assessing Our Strengths in Social Studies”; “Social Studies: The Building Blocks to Achievement”
- Registration – College student Pre-Con - \$15.00
  1. Ted made this motion of \$15.00 for College student Pre-Con, seconded by Robert McLauren. Motion passed.

- Registration - April 5<sup>th</sup> open on website
- Pre-con – April 4<sup>th</sup> open on website
- Introduced Ralph Ricardo – Program Chair replacing Jason Caros
- Board thanked Jason for all the hard work and years he has been Program Chair.
- Sponsorship – new methods to get sponsorship is being tried this year.
- Exhibits – discussion about closing exhibit hall during 2<sup>nd</sup> session on Saturday for exhibitors lunch break. Most exhibitors want to leave on Saturday night
- Currently working on TOY dinner location since ballroom is booked for a wedding.
- We need to find a place that would be willing to work with the Hilton since we need the food and beverage amount as part of our contract with the Hilton.
- FL Holocaust to do a Pre-Con
- Possible off-site trips coordinated through the local council.

Adjourned at 10:30 PM

### **Minutes from Saturday – January 29, 2011**

- Meeting called to order by President Kris Scola – 8:30 AM
- Welcomed Mary Devore –Holt, McDoughal/Harcourt (Pinellas Co) and thanked her for sponsoring breakfast for the board.

#### **Budget – Ralph Egolf**

- Changes or recommendations were called forth.
- Motion to accept current budget made by Susie Fogarty, seconded by Angela Lewis-Williams. Budget accepted for the current year.

#### **Vice President Report – Jason Caros**

- Thanked Ben Saxon – Building Citizen Scholarship Program and Elisa Beachy for Conference Work
- Legislative Front – Upcoming: American History EOC – Field Test next year (not in legislation); Consult with commission and chancellor to make sure this exam will be the same as all the others.
- Questions – Terry Trimble – Can district give the exam its own weight?; Linda Medvin – Questions arose about Charter Schools and exams.
- Terry Trimble asked Kris to draft a letter to DOE about someone qualified to take Patti Ceci's position. Jason will draft it for Kris.
- Common Core Standards – NCSS wants to get ahead on this. Rose Gatens mentioned that it would be nice to have colleagues in universities work together on Common Core Standards; Fran Holleran mentioned that many people are already meeting and it is very political.

#### **Mentor Program - FSSE Chapter – Sally Day**

- Discussed the mentoring program at the conference
- FSU – Dr. Toni Kirkwood – Student Government has developed FSSE – Future Social Studies Educators. This can be easy to start at other universities with contacts
- Creation of a committee to continue this at other universities and if interested on mentoring committee, let Kris know.
- Possible pre-con at conference for mentoring USF.

- These could become affiliates or local councils.

#### Teacher of Year Awards – Virginia Parra

- President Scola asked Virginia to help coordinate with Awards Chair TOY Awards
- There are lots of small counties who do not have representatives
- Awards need to be reworked with map of Florida and names of district contacts
- Virginia will send a list of supervisors to the District Directors with multi-districts for contact.
- Issue arose about how awards were being decided
- Suggestion made by Sally Day that maybe a committee of Director Emeritus or a committee could evaluate the award if they were brought to the April/Sept meeting.
- Other suggestions were to send them through e-mail and Tom Glaser made the comment that some mailboxes could not handle this much.
- Kris mentioned that individuals in Broward County are questioning FCSS
- Tom made comments on changing the award on the website and a link for each award.

Break – 10:10 AM, Reconvene - 10:30 AM

President Scola welcomed Beth Patterson – New District Board Member

#### Building Citizenship Scholarship Program Update – Susan Oliver

- Ben Saxon explained that the best way to get this program underway was to go to people in organizations face to face.
- Suggestions to set a goal and go after it, whether it is for the full scholarship, partial scholarship, TOY dinner, whatever.
- Tom Glaser made a suggestion to sponsor or match funds
- District report of money should be sent to Susan
- Ralph Egolf made a comment that there are money issues with this program
  1. People need to pay and make their own hotel and registrations,
  2. Claim mileage with map quest,
  3. Pay all up front and then be reimbursed,
  4. They need to produce up to \$200.00 in receipts,
- Susan will revise this program and resend it out to Board Members.

#### Old Business – Kris Scola

- Facebook response has been good and Nicole Marsala has put pictures on Facebook from the conference and other information. Good Job to Nicole.
- Tom Glaser was asked to send information out to Board Members two weeks ahead of April board meeting for Board to decide on whom to nominate for Lay Awards for the Conference Awards. This will save time at April meeting.
- Dates for future Board Meetings:
  - January 27/28, 2012
  - April 20/21, 2012
  - September 14/15, 2012
  - Conference – October 19-21, 2012 – Orlando Marriott

#### New Business – Kris Scola

- Development of Committee Members to Evaluate Portfolios for Awards at April and September meetings.
- Board members who volunteered – Virginia Parra, Angela Lewis-Williams, Nicole Marsala, Mary Ellen Falvey, Sabrina Gates McCarthy, Maureen Marullo, Julie Gates, Michelle Arquines, and previous Director Emeritus as recently stated by Sally Day.
- Rose Gatens asked about recusing yourself if you applied or knew from your district.
- Tom Glaser discussed professional objectivity when judging these awards.

#### Announcements

- Pete Cowdrey mentioned that the 2013 Conference might want to be held near or in St. Augustine since it would reflect the Quincentenarie of Ponce de Leon's first voyage. This would be mentioned to Ted Banton.
- Mentor for Mikeol Stroh will be Karen Roberts, not Terry Trimble
- Connie Brown mentioned the Pensacola Regional – May 14, 2011
- Rose Gatens congratulated Angela Lewis Williams for being awarded the 2010 Exemplary Holocaust Educator.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Susie Fogarty, seconded by Terry Trimble

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM