

Minutes
PCSS Board Meeting
Monday, March19, 2012 7:00 pm
Audio Conference

Welcome

Joe Labant

President Dr. Joe Labant welcomed Board Members and offer some general comments regarding the meeting and the agenda.

Introductions

Whole Board

President Elect David Trevaskis took roll of Board Members present at the meeting. The following officers and Board Members were present:

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Secretary's Report**Ira Hiberman**

No Report

Treasurer's Report**Don Imler**

Executive Secretary Don Imler reported on the budget and the balance in the PCSS account. He spoke about the implications of the mini-events with regard to the treasury.

Website Update**Mike Rawlings**

No Report

Update on Spring Sessions**David Trevaskis/Mark Previte**

There was discussion regarding future sites for mini conferences. New sites could possibly include Arcadia, Millersville, and Pitt Johnstown. It was emphasized that we should continue our efforts with successful sites such as Elizabethtown. It was also suggested that Past President Mark Previte share information regarding the success of these events with the methods professors. President Joe Labant indicated that these events might be implemented in the evening so as to cope with problems associated with the availability of students to participate.

David Trevaskis mentioned the April 18th Supreme Court Institute in Allentown at the Lehigh County Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and encouraged everyone to either attend or recruit (or do both!) for this free event open to all educators and pre-service students.

Update on Fall Conference 2012/2013**David Trevaskis/Ira Hiberman**

President Elect David Trevaskis spoke about the two sites that were identified in Harrisburg for the Fall, 2013 conference. He pointed out that the features of Holiday Inn East had numerous advantages over the Crown Plaza. The recommendation was made to select the Holiday Inn and a vote was taken in this regard. There was one no vote which was rooted in the convenience of the Crown Plaza to the Train Station. The vote of those present supported the recommendation for the Holiday as the conference site.

MSCSS Report**Nicole Roper**

Board Member Nicole Roper spoke about the poor attendance at the last conference of MSCSS. It was suggested that we may wish to reach out to the Pennsylvania Membership of this organization to encourage members of MSCSS to become active in PCSS. Nicole indicated that she could provide a roster of appropriate names.

AIHE Report**David Trevaskis**

No report

Old Business

Nominating Committee

Mark Previte

Past President Mark Previte indicated that he has 6 people interested in running for the Board. Two packets have been sent to Leo for distribution. Packets are due by March 30th.

Awards Chair Report

Kim Kochanski

Awards Chair Kim Kochanski indicated that she has received a limited number of award nominations at this point. The nominations submitted so far are clustered around a limited number of categories. Kim urged everyone to support the nomination process by looking for worthy award recommendations.

News & Views Report

Leo West

The Winter issue of *News and Views* was delayed by a surgical procedure required by the editor. Leo extends appreciation to David Trevaskis for his help in up-dating the copy before it was posted.

We are reminded about deadlines in submitting information to the editor. This next issue is the election issue, due to be posted by May 15th. The deadline for all copy is April 15th.

It was suggested that the next issue include information which highlights the fall conference. Leo requested that he receive information about the conference so that he can include the critical information needed.

There was some discussion about the idea of publishing more issues of *News and Views* by perhaps reducing the number of pages in each issue. Finally, Leo continues to have some issues relating to school servers allowing the large volume of each issue and it is hoped that reducing the size of each issue will also assist with this problem. There was a recommendation that the most current edition of the publication be posted on the PCSS Website without access restrictions.

Additional Old Business

Western Council

Leo West

WPCSS presented the Albert Goldsmith Awards for the best exhibit featuring local History at the district History Fair competition at the Heinz History Center. Matt Bosack of Shaler Middle School received the junior division certificate and a \$100 bond for his presentation on the 63rd Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment of the Civil War which was recruited in Pittsburgh. The senior section was won by Mackenzie Martin whose exhibit entitled *15 minutes of Fame* focused on Andy Warhol. In both cases, the exhibits were pleasing to the eye, had legible captions, and were self explanatory. Mackenzie also received a bond and a certificate. In addition to the awards given to the winning students, WPCSS grants a complimentary membership to each teacher sponsor who participated in the History Fair.

WPCSS is currently renewing memberships and searching for new members. Our roster at present has about 60 members including comps. Much of our activity is confined to on-line communication. Our web-site provides links to materials in various social studies, especially history where videos and slide shows are available. Our monthly news letter, *The Point*, reaches about 1000 people, courtesy of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. We are looking forward to having a successful membership drive.

New Business

The Journal --Report/Feedback on Databases

Jodi Bornstein

Editor Jodi Bornstein reported that a total of 12 submissions have been received. It is still unclear how many of the submissions will be able to be published in that no definitive number of articles have yet been identified for publication. There was also discussion about the registration of The Journal with several services that make journals available to college and university libraries on a subscription basis. This could possibly result in some royalties for PCSS. Jodi has hired a graduate assistant to help her with the management of the publication.

The Future of PCSS's Rho Kappa

Joe Labant

President Joe Labant suggested that we drop the Rho Kappa affiliation from our student chapters and simply register them as PCSS Student Affiliates. There did not appear to be support for such action at this time.

Additional New Business

Whole Board

No items presented

Next Meeting--Date, Place, and Time

Joe Labant

This will be established by the leadership team at a later date.

Adjournment

Joe Labant

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.