

MINUTES
NJCSS OFFICERS MEETING
January 31, 2018 - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m..
Rider University

Student Recreation Center - Shapiro Board Room

Members in Attendance: Kevin Bloom, Arlene Gardner, Fred Cotterell (video), Angela Smith, Katie Mahaffey (video), Hank Bitten, John Khanlian, Christine Gehringer, Mike Kenduck (video), Mark Percy

1. Treasurer's Report- Christine

- Budget 2018- Treasurer's report accepted by board members in attendance.
- \$795 to NJSSSA- Accepted by board members in attendance.

2. President's Report- Hank

- Teacher of the Year Awards and Student Recognition Awards
 - Discussion- Student Recognition Award- Should there be winners from each region or just one state winner? (5 nominees so far)
 - Announcement will be made at the end of March
 - Form should be brought on paper to the supervisors' meeting
 - Board- Can a teacher in your school/district nominate a student from your district?
 - Certificate would ideally be presented at a department meeting or school board meeting.
 - School Board- More formal and will be mentioned in the board minutes.
 - Teacher/Hank or Joe- present the award.
 - All nominees will receive a certificate.
 - Certificate will be created by Hank and Arlene. This certificate will be scanned and sent to board members.
 - Certificate will contain the NJCSS logo.
 - Certificate will be more specific- in recognition of/for.....

3. Nominating Committee- Hank

- Nominating Committee- Need nominating committee- March 31, 2018
 - (Pres, VP, Sec, Treasurer), North (Peter Porter), Central (Nicole Savino), South (Nick Madensky, Michael Martirone), NJSSSA (Noel Baxter), University (Fred Cotterell, Eileen Heddy), Center for Civic Ed (Arlene Gardner), Supervisors (Mike Catelli), Geographic Alliance (John Khanlian)-
Expiring terms
 - Fred, Joe, and Mike- Nominating Committee
- Discussion on if there should be someone to back up the director- would there be a smooth transition if the director was not available (website, conference, budget, Constitutional issues)

4. Committees- Hank

- E-mail will be sent out to board members in order to join committees
 - Membership (Kevin, Mike)
 - Curriculum (Angela)
 - Communications and Publications
 - Conference, Programs and Awards (Christine)

5. Executive Director's Report- Hank

- Membership (new ideas for membership)
 - **2017-18** **2016-17**
 - 459 members 403 members
 - 168 districts 181 districts
 - 251 new members 208 renewals for 2017-18

Website (7,400 visits over the past year)

- Little correlation between our members and NCSS members
- Chatham, Delran, Edison- Have 10 or more teachers as members
- Student teachers have been signing up as members
- Rho Kappa- Honor Society- Mike belongs to Google group- can reach out to members for membership and nominations for student awards
- Conference- everyone who did not attend conference- e-mail was sent to renew membership
 - Received 2-3 responses

6. Fall Conference- Hank

- Geographic Alliance and Certain districts have not paid for the fall conference yet.
- Teachers have been contacted about payment (October 2017)
- Hank- Does not want to contact supervisors and embarrass teachers
- No purchase orders

7. Event - February, March, April 2018- Hank

- Facebook- Elementary lesson- Groundhog Day
 - Hank- Posting lessons/materials every 2 weeks
- Platform: YouTube videos- NJCSS- Promoting NJ Lessons
 - Katie- NJ in the 1930s
 - Arlene- Women in NJ

8. Annual Fall Conference - October 22, 2018 (Monday) Hank

The Times They Are a-Changin!

Format - Three Plenary Sessions (and cohort for Psychology, Elementary, Economics?)

Speakers (Budget Limits) 4 or 5 keynotes at \$250 = \$1,000

Plenary (250-300)

MPR and (116,118,120,122,(115,117)
Keynote (one or two?)
12-15 workshops

Psychology (30-40)

The Cove
Keynote
2 workshops

Economics (30-40)

Center Hall
Keynote
2 workshops

K-5 (30-40)

Room 174
Keynote
2 workshops

Annette Gordon Reed - Colonial Gov.

Barbara Oberg - Thomas Jefferson

Allida Black - Eleanor Roosevelt/Women

Linda Greenhouse - U.S. Supreme Court

Carol Berkin - Colonial Era, Scottsboro boys

Mary Beth Norton - Women

Paul Miles - End of WW 1

Peggy McGuinness, Human Rights

Anita Ramasastry, Human Rights

Richard Kahlenberg - Desegregation

Eileen Kowler, Memory

Pernille Hemmer, Cognitive Dev

Richard Thayler

Erica Groshen

Natalia Smirnoff

Ira Gang

Federal Reserve Bank

Michael Hattem (Ben Franklin)

Maxime Lurie (Colonial)

- Presenters- Hank would reach out to some conference presenters- NYCSS and NJHS
- Should we raise the price for for-profit exhibitors? Will this discourage the exhibitors from coming to the conference?
 - It was increased in 2015 from \$250 to \$275. Therefore, we will not raise it at this time.
- Call for proposals- will be going out in March or April. They will be due in June.

9. Other

- **Social Science Outreach:** The outreach to the Psychology teacher's seemed to work well, if we want, I can use a similar template and reach out to state-wide economics teachers and try to plan a series of workshops specifically geared towards econ. teachers for next year's conference (I would reach out to an Economics teacher at Ridgewood High School names Tim Monahan to be the point person, we canvass economics teachers on a topic of interest and hire an Economics Professor to lecture for one of the series of workshops, it would also be nice if we could also hire a Psychology Professor to lecture for the the Psych. teachers (I know they want to learn more about the topic of sensation and perception)
- **Pre-Registering:** I still support the idea of having teachers pre-register for the three workshops next year (though we will not hold teachers to it), just so we can get a sense of which rooms might fill up, if we find that the pre-registering yields no significant data for us to act on, then we can simply not do it moving forward, we did learn that we do not need to print the programs 6 weeks in advance of the conference
- **Identification:** T-Shirt, pin, or something; it would be nice if we can purchase something to identify us at the conference for next year, when I was circulating making the announcement about the proper link for the survey I felt kind of strange not having something to make me look more official
- **Price of Conference:** Since we are not changing the venue for next year, we decided to freeze the price of the conference
- **Digitizing Forms:** Hopefully we can digitize the Teacher of the year and Student of the year forms for the next round of nominations
- I second Michael's ideas and the praises from Fred. I would also like to propose to remember next year to bring back the Twitter hashtag and use of social media for promotion throughout the day. Also, can we have markers identifying where folks can park, even if they are simple ones such as balloons tied to the posts with the lot numbers? This seems to cause a lot of early morning stress. (Hank)
- Discussion- Arlene- Why New Jersey Needs a Required Civics Course in Middle School- Bi-partisan support for civics education in the NJ Assembly. Now that there is a new governor, there may be support for a civics course at the middle school/high school level. Arlene has drafted a bill and wants to gain widespread support for civics education (no cost to school districts and professional development provided).

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Minutes prepared by Angela Smith, Secretary