

WCSS Pre-Conference Board Meeting

March 12, 2016

Present: Carrie Carlson, Justin Glodowski, Christine Kadonsky, Pam Kaiser, Mike Koren, Mike Larson, Mikki Maddox, Sally Michalko, Sherri Michalowski, Jenny Morgan, Alisha Neinfeldt, Jeff Newton, Cassie Olson, Yedda Olson, Joe Pachal, Ron Reichle, Joe Schmidt, Chuck Taft

1. Motion to approve agenda

Sally moved to approve the agenda and Alisha seconded. Motion passed.

2. January Board Minutes

Sally moved to approve the January Board Minutes. Cassie seconded. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer and Internal Director Reports – Mike

The constitutional changes were sent to the members by mail. Those constitutional changes will be voted on at the Business Meeting on Monday morning. The yearly treasurer's report will also be given at the Business Meeting.

According to Joe S. (Business Manager), conference expenses for this year should be similar to last year's conference.

Business Manager: An exhibitor cannot come this year. The Board agreed that we will not issue a refund. The exhibitor may secure a booth for next year's conference. The exhibitor would only need to pay if there is an increase in exhibitor fees.

4. External Director Report – Sally

None

5. Membership Report – Pam

2015: 2-day – 157 registrants Sunday attendance: 177; Monday attendance: 236

2016: Registration is about 200 right now

There are a number of Presenters and Board Members who have not registered yet.

Pam and Yedda will be working on creating an online Membership Form (for members who do not attend the conference), so that multiple Board Members will have access to new members' contact information.

Pam and Carrie would like to compile information to provide to new members (who do not attend the conference). Yedda is willing to write a welcome letter from the President. We will also provide the new members with the Members Only website access password.

6. Communication Issues

Kris McDaniel handled multiple questions about the conference. People had not received responses when they contacted WCSS. All Board Members need to make sure that they respond to e-mails in a timely fashion.

7. Conference Update – Ron

For the Business Meeting on Monday, Yedda is in charge. The agenda will be to call the meeting to order, the Treasurer's Report, and present the proposed constitutional changes. There will be time for discussion and those present will vote on the constitutional changes.

We need to test projectors tonight for use during presentations, including the keynote speakers.

For the Monday Luncheon, Yedda will start the meeting. Jenny and Sally will present the awards. Justin will introduce the keynote speaker.

Sunday key note speaker Patty Loew – Introduction by David 'O Connor, Jenny as back-up

Sunday's Un-Conference begins at 8:00. There will be three slots, 40 minutes each. – Chuck

Conference Technology Report from Chuck: The Sched is ready and some conference participants are using it. Chuck has created a "one-stop shop" Google Doc with all resources provided by presenters. Later these materials can go on the Members Only section of our website. Chuck has created and will put up signs for using Twitter during the conference, the Sched, and Un-conference.

Membership has a new WCSS color printer (with 11 x 17 poster printing option).

Board members need to sign up to be present at the WCSS Booth in the Exhibition Hall.

Wine and Cheese – Joe S. will organize the raffle.

Rhonda has printed the room signs.

Justin will be videotaping sessions with the new WCSS video camera.

Several members suggested that WCSS purchase a projector for use at the conference. Yedda will put this idea on the agenda for next Board Meeting.

The bus is coming at 10:00AM on Monday for the field trip to Forest Hill Cemetery . Meet in the lobby.

There will be a field trip on Sunday evening (after Wine and Cheese) at the Wisconsin Historical Museum on the Capitol Square – not Society Headquarters as printed in the program. Make sure to make announcements throughout the day on Sunday.

We will be handing out discount cards from Teachers' Discovery Education at Registration. The company also donated a \$500 raffle prize.

8. Professional Development Offerings

PD Chair – Chuck

Chuck would like to see WCSS offer more professional development to our members. Does WCSS need a Professional Development Chair?

Teachers in Milwaukee host “Pub PD,” giving teachers an opportunity to discuss PD issues in a relaxed environment. WCSS should work to organize PD opportunities, like Pub PD and EdCamps, in every region. The proximity and low-cost of these events are advantages. We should make sure to invite and include pre-service teachers.

WIGA has a traveling show. WCSS could have a traveling show about Civics. The workshop and all of the materials would be prepared in advance, so everything is ready to go. Any WCSS Board Member could host the traveling Civics workshop in their region.

Justin – We need to have working committees for WCSS to get things done. With the proposed constitutional changes, there will be a new Outreach Committee.

Chuck and Sherri are interested in heading this effort.

Future of EdCamps – Christine

Christine enjoyed hosting EdCamp Wausau in October of 2014 and 2015. She believes that the “un-conference” model is a viable option for WCSS to offer PD throughout the state in the future. She is unable to organize an EdCamp next fall. There is still time for WCSS to host an EdCamp at any location still this year. Christine is willing to help the next WCSS EdCamp Coordinator and provide the Coordinator with files and an organizational guide.

Future professional development offerings will be put on the agenda for the May Board Meeting.

9. Forum articles – Carrie

The next *Forum* will be published in April. We are always in need of articles, such as lesson plans, book reviews, and descriptions of professional development opportunities. The *Forum* deadline will be e-mailed to Board members.

10. New logo

The new WCSS logo was created by Alexandra Michalowski.
Mike moved to give a stipend of \$100 to Alexandra. Sally seconded. Motion passed.
Alisha moved to approve the new logo. Pam seconded. Motion passed.
The new logo will be unveiled at the conference.

11. NHD judge – Jenny

We need a WCSS judge for our WCSS sponsored Special Award on Saturday, April 23rd in Madison. After consulting his schedule, Joe Pachal agreed to judge at the NHD State Event.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22 at Brillon High School (not Middle School). Yedda will host a grill-out at her home on Saturday night.

Cassie moved to adjourn. Carrie seconded. Motion passed.