

Arizona SkillsUSA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes: July 17, 2012

Location: Westin La Paloma Resort, Tucson, Arizona

In Attendance: Rolando Montano, Oscar Olivas, Fred Lewis, Steven Paluch, Ross Rector, Michelle Martinez, Gary Townsley, Pete Pederson, Andrew Lamer

Missing: Kevin Coe, Mike Rust, Michael Bailey

State Advisor Carrie Wolf came in, but left to go to a presentation

Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm

- I. Constitution: Discussion was held regarding our lack of a constitution and bylaws and our need for them. Ross questioned the 12 member affiliation requirement. Michelle explained that at the last meeting, Dennis Fiscus advised the board to wait for further input from the state as he was trying to maintain some consistency among CTSO's
 - Carrie was asked to contact Dennis about attending our next board meeting with some type of template or rough draft.
 - This issue was tabled until that meeting.
- II. Qualifications for State Competition Eligibility: Discussion was held regarding our current policy. Michelle explained that there is a CTSO advisory committee in operation who have brought concerns about this policy to the state, and that we need to bring some valid, researched reasons why the policy needs to stay in place. Further highlights of this discussion:
 - We need to continue to stress that membership in our CTSO (and all others as well) is not strictly about competitions, but leadership as well)
 - We need to get some information from our business and industry partners about the validity of the leadership component and its importance.
 - Perhaps, we should change FLC to two locations, one in Phoenix and one in Tucson...so that there would be a FLC in September, a FLC in October, and LTC in November. This would give many opportunities for schools that have funding or travel issues and maintain the integrity of our requirement.
 - The eligibility requirement will remain in effect at this time

III. Review of Strategic Plan

Goal 1, 1.1: See above

Goal 2, 2.1: Tabled for further reflection

Goal 2, 2.2: Oscar will revise what WestMec currently has in place and bring to the next meeting

Goal 2, 2.3: Revised to: Carrie will create an Arizona welcome kit with specific veteran advisors' contact info for new chapters/advisors

Goal 3, 3.1: Completed...Michelle completed certified training in March

Goal 3, 3.2 and 3.3: Completed...CMT will be offered in various locations.

We will begin the move to another FLC offering in Tucson for 2013-2014.

Goal 4, 4.1: We all need to get Business and Industry personnel to give us statements/quotes about the requirements for FLC/LTC for state championships

Michelle will send Carrie a Top Ten What Administrators Need to Know, so she can add an administrator tab to the website

Goal 4, 4.2: Carrie will work on a talking points bulletin specific to Arizona SkillsUSA

Goal 4, 4.3: Revised to: Leave this marketing area to the state officer team

Goal 4, 4.4: Tabled until the next board meeting

Goal 5, 5.1: We currently have Michael Bailey. Michelle will contact both Jackie Root and Tammy Villar regarding their preference of YDF board or ours and get back to us.

Goal 5, 5.2: Completed with the addition of Gary Townsley

IV. Upcoming Meetings

September 14, 9am-3pm, ADE

October 22, either during FLC or immediately following (everyone should plan to stay later on that day than their students)

V. Budget: We would like Carrie to present her proposed budget to us at the September meeting, so we can officially approve expenditures. We would also like to discuss the possibility of lowering any type of costs.

VI. Board Elections

- President: Oscar nominated Michelle, who declined the nomination. Michelle nominated Steven Paluch, who accepted and was voted in.
- Vice President: Michelle stated that Michael Bailey should continue and he was voted in.
- Secretary: Ross nominated Michelle Martinez, and she was voted in.
- Treasurer: It was agreed that Fred Lewis should continue as we have upcoming budgetary concerns, and he's been working with ADE personnel. He was voted in.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.