

Nevada HOSA Board of Trustees Meeting
March 14, 2020
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jeanine Serusa at 3:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Roll call indicated that the following members were present:

Dr. Gillian Barclay
Dr. Katherine Prato
Dustin Hopfe
Grace Wang, State Secretary
Jeanine Serusa, Chair
Jennifer Fisk
Michelle Urrutia, Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Oechsner, Executive Director
Randi Hunewill, NDE CTSO Liaison
Samuelle Beltejar, State President
Sandy Ayers

The following HOSA Contractors were present:

Luetta Mann, Competition Manager

Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2019:

Decision:

Michelle Urrutia moved and it was seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Approval of New Board Member:

Discussion:

Mike Oechsner shared that Jon Turri has asked that he step down from the Board of Directors. He did recommend a replacement, Sara DePaoli, who is eager to join us.

Decision:

Mike Oechsner moved and it was seconded to approve Sara DePaoli as the newest member of the Nevada HOSA Board.

State Officer Update:

Discussion:

Samuelle Beltejar, State President, shared the state officer update.

At the team's December meeting, they made the decision to not offer the Sister Chapter program. The team has completed a total of eight chapter visits.

The team has also worked throughout the year to increase communication, with a specific goal of more candidates for state office – which was successful with a total of 12 candidates. The team was prepared with their workshops for SLC.

They have also worked hard to promote HOSA on social media, including a great number of blogs throughout the year.

The State Officer team is recommending to the board that we approve Christopher Aspiras to run for National Executive Council for HOSA. She shared several of the great things that Chris has done over the course of the year.

Nevada Department of Education Update:

Discussion:

Randi Hunewill thanked everyone for participating in the meeting today. Knowing that it is likely that all remaining CTSOs will choose to hold virtual conferences, the state department of education has been discussing the need to support conference registration fees for the virtual conferences. The Assistant Superintendent has approved this, and the audit department is aware that this is an approved expense of grant money.

Denise Burton is a new member of the CTE staff. She is overseeing Skilled Trades and working in the Las Vegas. Starting Monday, there will be a new Director of CTE. Craig Statucki has been named the Director. We are excited to have Craig joining NDE and he is passionate both about CTE and CTSOs, including that his daughter was a state officer for HOSA.

Randi also shared her congratulations to Michelle who got married.

At the current point in time, the President's budget has an additional \$900 Million for Perkins in the next year.

As we look ahead to the next year, it is anticipated that all state funding is going to become part of block grants. It will be released as a per capita based on enrollment. The legislature has to approve the details which has not happened yet. Districts will receive a list of things that are approved for expenses. This will no longer be administered by the CTE department.

Currently in the state language, there is limiting language that does not allow normal funding to be used for CTSOs. Randi is working to eliminate the disabling language removed from statute. Randi is working both with the legislative representative and the deputy superintendent.

Health Science is still considered a high skill, high demand, high wage pathway, and we fully expect funding for Health Science to remain strong.

Military Science Event:

Discussion:

Randi Hunewill shared that she has been pushing for the JROTC to be considered part of CTE, and they now officially are. They have some of their own competitions, but there currently is not a CTSO with an appropriate competitive event for them.

Randi has designed a new Military Public Health competitive event. This event will be launched next year. There was hope we could have launched things at the State Leadership, now it will be launched for the 2020-21 school year.

Mike Oechsner shared that this will be our demonstration event at the Advisor Conferences in the fall.

Adding this competitive event is going to help HOSA to grow and will add to our diversity. Our hope and vision is that this event would eventually be picked up by National HOSA.

Jeanine Serusa suggested that we may want to add de-escalation to the list of skills for the event.

Management Update:

Discussion:

Mike Oechsner shared the management update and reviewed the dashboard. Nevada HOSA has again set a membership record. The organization is operating very strongly.

Finances continue to be an area of concentration, especially in light of the reduced funding this year.

The main concentration for the management team at this point in time is that we need to shift the conference that was supposed to be starting now – to start tomorrow.

Mike Oechsner shared a thank you with Randi and the team at the Department of Education for their support in finding additional state funding in December to support the shortfall in state and federal funding this year. In the last fiscal year, we received \$40,000 in state and federal funding – this year the grand total was reduced to \$7,333.33. With additional funding that was found in December, total funding this year is approximately \$27,000.

Virtual State Leadership Conference:

Discussion:

The Board of Trustees had an open conversation about what things could look like for virtual conference. They discussed elections, sessions, competitive events, symposiums, and social elements of conference.

Randi shared the importance of recognizing that HOSA is inter-curricular and that every health science program should be part of what is happening ongoing.

Randi clarified that the Department of Education has taken a very clear stance that schools must still pay the full registration fee.

We may want to reduce the amount of time for online testing. The management team can work with Randi on details for that.

Luetta suggested that we add tie breakers to the tests before they open up.

Talked about what skills could be potentially done if schools don't close. The consensus was to not do skills this year – but that at the fall conference, we have a competition component.

Decisions:

Samuelle Beltejar moved and it was seconded to allow candidates to have full freedom in how they design their campaign speech videos following the national guidelines. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Michelle Urrutia moved and it was seconded to re open registration and allow chapters to add additional students for the virtual conference. No reductions may be made. The registration fee will remain the same. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Dustin Hopfe moved and it was seconded to empower the management team to navigate details for the implementation of competitive events.

Health Careers Leadership Experience:

Discussion:

The Health Careers Leadership Experience had a great first year. The group discussed some continued opportunities for improvement and shift – which included making it longer, earlier in the year, and strongly incorporating some competitive event components into future conferences.

National Officer Candidate:

Discussion:

Mike Oechsner shared that we have a student interested in running for national office.

The following board members will serve as the interview committee:

Katherine Prato
Jeanine Serusa
Dustin Hopfe
Michelle Urrutia

2020-21 Board Officers:

The slate of officers as nominated included:

Jeanine Serusa, Chair
Katherine Prato, Vice Chair
Michelle Urrutia, Secretary/Treasurer

Decision:

Mike Oechsner moved and it was seconded to approve the slate of officers. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Saturday, May 30 in Reno

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.