



MINUTES
NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF SKILLSUSA
FALL BOARD MEETING
GREAT BASIN COLLEGE
ELKO, NEVADA
ROOM 201

November 13, 2015

Roll Call: Members Present
Tim Conley, President
James Cooney, Vice-President
Tom Garrett, Member
Emily Herrin, Member
Alex Kyser, State Advisor (Via Telephone)
Robert Lovino, Member (Via Telephone)
Theodore McAdams, Member
Matt Mayhood, Secretary
Bret Murphy, Member (Arrived at 8:02 p.m.)
Dana Ryan, Member (Via Telephone)
Lee Volberding, Member (Via Telephone)
Sindie Read, State Director

Members Absent
Anthony Siri, Member

Guest Present
Cade Purvis, KTNV Channel 13
Austin Chavez, President, Nevada Association of SkillsUSA
Zachariah Simms, Vice-President, Nevada Association of SkillsUSA

All participants agreed to expedite meeting to begin before posted time.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS
An introduction by all the board members took place.

STUDENT REPORT
Nevada Association of SkillsUSA State President, Austin Chavez, and Vice-



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President Zachariah Simms welcomed the board. The President team thanked the board for their service.

INTRODUCTION

Tim Conley went over the open board positions as noted in the July Board Meeting Minutes. Brenda Hitchins and Phillip Dell submitted biographies for Region 4. We need to look for post-secondary board members. Bret Murphy is resigning from the board citing a large amount of other responsibilities. Alex Kyser suggested having Dana Ryan talk to Tim New at Truckee Meadows Community College or Randy Walton about joining the board.

A discussion occurred regarding Bruce Nelson from Desert Rose. The State Director suggested we should talk to Mark Berry from CSN.

Emily Herrin asked, "Is the ballot mail or email?" Sindie Read replied: It will be emailed and she will send it to everyone that she has emails for. Emily Herrin forwarded the email list that Rodney Ball established with all programs in Region 4.

Emily Herrin said Laughlin High School is interested in starting a chapter and Rancho High School has increased membership by vast numbers.

ADOPT OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve the Fall Meeting Agenda

Motion: Conley

Second: Mayhood

Vote: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES

Changes: Correct spelling in "Tim Conley", correct spelling in "Tom Garrett", remove "State Advisor" from Alex Kyser and replace with "Member", last paragraph of "LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE" needs to read "from" not "form", in "STATE CONFERENCE 2016", "Corrano" needs to say "Carano", the word "cant" needs to read "can't", Page 5: 154 to nationals, 95 were students who attended nationals with a total of 3,177 attending the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference." Page 5 of 6: "things" is misspelled,

Motion, with changes: McAdams

Second: Herrin

Vote: Unanimous



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YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval not needed. Information item only.

Very little activity at this point.

Matt Mayhood asked for a detailed transaction report to accompany the financial report.

Emily Herrin says we are spending too much on State Officers. The budget needs to be spent elsewhere; we shouldn't be spending so much in one line item. They are still members. Sindie: Once we notify the officers, we will implement that policy.

Robert Lovino asked if there has been a major change in spending. Alex Kyser reviewed financials and in 2015, the actual spending was \$16,795.63, while the budget was \$25,000.

Matt Mayhood reviewed financials and in 2011, the actual spending was \$13,500, while the budget was \$24,700.

Alex Kyser wants to propose the discussion of a policy, or creation of a policy, establishing state officer approved expenditures.

Tabled until January.

REGIONAL CONTEST 2016

Approval not needed. Information item only.

Regionals dates rescheduled to February 27, 2016, due to Easter Holiday in March. Elko and Reno says everything is good for the state conference. Las Vegas: CSN will manage photography, NWCTA says they will run culinary, SWCTA will run automotive, welding is still pending.



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State Conference 2016

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Event will be held April 12-15, we will have it at Circus-Circus, the Livestock Events Center, Truckee Meadows, Community College, Western Nevada, there is talk that we might do culinary at the Marriott Renaissance, the former Siena. They have an auxiliary kitchen that they would like to rent out to community organizations. They are offering it for free. They approached TMCC and WSD to use the kitchen in coursework and for ProStart. It would be a continuous offering.

Emily Herrin says that if this affects student participants because of limits. Herrin suggests that all culinary advisors agree to the new venue.

We will not be roller-skating again due to injuries. We may attend an Aces game. We are still looking at different options for the social. We are reviewing motivational speakers, including Bubba Smith.

Alex Kyser had a meeting with Jason Spoor, who is operating Auto. He is going to revamp the contest and minimize the number of stations because we had such a problem finding judges for 20 stations, he will take it down to 15. Alex Kyser is attending the welding advisor meeting. The new director of CTE, Dr. Georgia White, wants WNC more involved in SkillsUSA. If we need additional venues, she has offered her campus at no charge. Sindie Read will contact Dr. White.

Medical Terminology, a skills competition, is going to be added to the 2016 State Conference.

The established verbal agreement with HOSA is no longer being recognized by the Nevada Association of SkillsUSA.

HOSA is disappointed with SkillsUSA for adding Medical Terminology. The person who suggested the contest to be established is a HOSA and SkillsUSA Adviser. We are not in competition with HOSA, we are adding more events for students.



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APPROVE THE ADDITION MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY TO THE STATE
CONFERENCE

Motion: Herrin Second: McAdams Vote: Unanimous, Kyser abstains

Alex Kyser says with the welding contest, there are many students who participate in SkillsUSA and Future Farmers of America. We don't treat FFA differently from HOSA. If students want to participate in both, we don't care. We are supporting our members.

Robotics: Dave McElwain, CTE in CCSD, read the email submitted to Emily Herrin, Alex Kyser and Brent Fujino. The email called for a request to approve mobile robotics as a Nevada Regional and State Competition beginning in 2017. It will run as a demo in 2016.

Programs of Study which might align to the contest include; PLTW Engineering, Mechanical Tech, Manufacturing Tech, Computer Science, IT Essentials, IT Networking.

There are several competitions that could be aligned to these programs:

If the course offered is a science labeled course with the Nevada Department of Education, even with a SkillsUSA Advisor, as long as students are enrolled in Science, they can compete. However, the state will not sponsor them to travel to nationals or stay at nationals. They have to come up with the money on their own.

We need to check on the dates. We may not have enough enrollments since most schools only have a club. We need to recruit from the engineering courses.

There are many classes that do "dabble" in the contests, so we may need to reach out to many of the Engineering Programs. The state winner shows up to nationals, they build the robot on the first day, and they complete a task on the next day. But because of time, they bring their robot to State.

Tim Conley said we are offering a demo this year to any open SkillsUSA Members who would like to be involved. During January-July, Alex Kyser needs to create a list of approved programs.



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MOTION, TO ADD MOBILE ROBOTICS AS A DEMO CONTEST FOR 2016

Motion: Garrett Second: Ball Vote: Unanimous

Bret Murphy arrived at 8:02 p.m.

2016 STATE CONFERENCE 2016 UPDATE

Complaint from Chip Rutledge, Churchill County High School regarding the Television (Video) Production and Digital Cinema Production Contests. (See attached).

During the competition, the grievances filed were regarding these competitions. During the conference, it was determined there wasn't enough evidence to make an administrative change. This was a major point of contention during state. We need to focus on these competitions and address it before state.

A discussion occurred regarding the consistent judging and chairing of contests.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The Winter Board Meeting is scheduled for January 8-9, 2016 in Las Vegas at Southeast Career-Technical Academy.

OTHER BUSINESS

EVALUATIONS ON CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES, DIRECTOR,
APPLICATIONS

President created many generic templates to facilitate the review process. Board was asked to review these forms and see what the board thinks.

Theodore McAdams recommended if employees are working with students, they need to submit to an FBI Background Check.

If they are currently licensed, it will be valid for employment with SkillsUSA. If they are not currently licensed through the NDOE, they need to be cleared.

We need to post and give time for people to apply.



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Alex Kyser suggests moving the State Director Review to an earlier date to prepare for the change in contract in July. It gives people enough time to apply.

Tim Conley suggested creating a “pool” of qualified applicants for state director so we aren’t without a state director.

Tom Garrett re-suggests online test for Automotive as a qualifying pretest to regionals. Discussion occurred regarding pretest. Rodney and Tom will create a test with teachers and will bring it to the January meeting. This test will be completed at the end of January before Regional Registration.

Emily Herrin reported comments from Advisors in the south after the South held an adviser meeting.

Discussion occurred among the board and we will review all submissions.

Grand Sierra Resort is submitting a RFP for the 2017 State Conference.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at: 10:00 p.m.

Motion: MCADAMS

Second: COONEY

Vote: UNANIMOUS