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NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF SKILLSUSA
SUMMER BOARD MEETING
ACADEMY OF ARTS, CAREERS AND TECHNOLOGY
380 EDISON WAY, RENO, NV 89502

JULY 17, 2023

9:00 AM

Roll Call:

Members Present

Tim Conley, President
Denise Burton, Member
Clint Barnes, Member
Tristan Hays, Member
Scott Holcomb, Member
Chase Johnson, Member
Matt Mayhood, Secretary
Sindie Read, State Director
Alvin (Lee) Roberts, Member
Dr. Dana Ryan, Member (Arrived at 9:29 a.m.)
Kathie Smith, Member
Daniel Sylvester, Member

Members Present via Video Conference

Justin Munson, Member
Dawnne Smith-Craig, Member

Members Present via Telephone

None

Members Absent

Robert Lovino, Member
Eric Stakley, Member
Fred Wright, Member

Guests Present

None



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Meeting called to order at 9:17 A.M. P.T.

INTRODUCTIONS

Each board member introduced themselves and indicated their affiliation to the organization.

Denise Burton, Education Programs Professional, Skilled and Technical Sciences at the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) announced that this is her final meeting as the NDE Representative on the Nevada Association of SkillsUSA Board of Directors as she is leaving her position at NDE.

A replacement for Ms. Burton has not yet been announced and therefore the Board will operate without an NDE Representative until a replacement has been made.

The Board of Directors wished Ms. Burton well in her new position at the Clark County School District.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA	ACTION
MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED.	
MOTION: HAYS SECOND: ROBERTS	VOTE: UNANIMOUS

APPROVAL OF THE WINTER MEETING MINUTES	ACTION
MOTION TO APPROVE THE WINTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.	
MOTION: HAYS SECOND: ROBERTS	VOTE: UNANIMOUS

FY'23 OPERATION BUDGET REPORT	INFORMATION
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The organization lost money for the last fiscal year. In April, we received \$20,000 from the State of Nevada. The budget was for \$22,000. Expenditures at leadership and state events all went up in price. Tristan Hays asked why Electrical at the state conference was so expensive. Read explained that the cost with GES, a required vendor at the venue, went up for the state conference. Read says the price increase



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was expected, but it was not expected to be so high. Tim Conley asked if the budget has been modified for the next fiscal year. Read says it has.

APPROVAL OF FY'24 OPERATING BUDGET

ACTION

Sindie Read says that the state has not communicated any money for Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). The money was not promised this year as the language in the assembly bill was not modified to remove the disabling language. Sindie Read is recommending that the Leadership Conference registration fee should increase from \$60 to \$75 and the State Conference should increase from \$100 to \$150. Tim Conley says that we clearly need to raise rates or cut things to balance the budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY'24 OPERATING BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: SMITH, K.

SECOND: HAYS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ABSTAIN: RYAN

REVIEW OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE

INFORMATION

Nationals was a great conference. We had no issues at Nationals. There were no grievances from or against Nevada. The Atlanta Hilton had no issues with our state.

The following placed at the National Leadership and Skills Conference:

National Officer

Troy Barrera

Edward C. Reed High School

Reno, NV

Officer Advisor: Coleen McGuire

Gold

Photography

Taya Ezell

Shadow Ridge High School



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Las Vegas, NV

Advisor: James Counts

Bronze

Video News Production

Trevor Tumminia, Ean Taylor, Justine Retodo, & Cole Leathley

Green Valley High School

Henderson, NV

Advisors: Brytnee Avery-Randell & Matt Mayhood

FALL ELECTION OF BOARD POSITIONS

INFORMATION

REGION 1

Tim Conley and Fred Wright both represent Region 1. Sindie Read says that we need more people to run in Region 1. We currently have 14 members and Sindie Read. Sindie Read says that our board is full for Business and Industry. If we want to add more positions, we would have to vote to expand the board.

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2023

INFORMATION/ACTION

Clark and Washoe will not be paying for overnight buses. As a result, expected participation will be low. The options are that we hold separate conferences or move the conference to Clark County.

Tim Conley says that the Leadership Conference is designed to teach students the leadership elements of the program. Dr. Dana Ryan says this is the same conversation we had in an earlier meeting.

Sindie Read says that the office is fighting for buses repeatedly. Tim Conley says that we need to decide what we are going to do at the Leadership Conference. Conley suggests that we train for fundraising so students can participate.



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Dr. Ryan says there is so much money available through grants and from private companies for leadership activities. Ryan says that it is incumbent on the Board to start thinking differently. Ryan says that it is important for kids to visit the rural areas and to have a single meeting so students meet each other. However, we need to review the content at the conference to run a good chapter, but also move their programs forward. Ryan says that the Board needs to be more active when it comes to encouraging the legislature to fund CTSOs.

Tim Conley wants to make it clear that if the conference goes to Las Vegas, we will return to Elko.

MOTION TO MOVE THE 2023 LEADERSHIP TO CLARK COUNTY FOR ONE YEAR.
MOTION: Roberts SECOND: Sylvester VOTE: Unanimous

Tim Conley says that if we raise the price of Leadership, we need to improve the worth of the event. Dr. Ryan says that there is no issue with raising the cost, but the content must improve.

MOTION TO INCREASE THE STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FROM \$60 TO \$75.
MOTION: Ryan SECOND: Roberts VOTE: Unanimous

REGIONAL CONTEST 2024

INFORMATION/ACTION

Sindie Read says that last year we had Automotive and Welding in the South and just Welding in the North. There is a lot of turnover in the Automotive programs in the North.

A discussion occurred regarding Regionals for Automotive and holding a contest in the North and the South and the logistics.



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Tim Conley asked for input from the Automotive teachers throughout the state. Dawnne Smith-Craig emailed the Automotive teachers in Clark County for feedback.

STATE CONFERENCE 2024

INFORMATION/ACTION

We have a normal contract at The Row. The dates for the State Conference are April 9-April 12, 2024.

PRICE INCREASE

Right now, those staying in the conference hotel are paying \$100 and those not staying in the conference hotel are paying \$125. Sindie Read recommends that we increase the registration fee.

MOTION TO INCREASE THE STATE LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE FROM \$100 TO \$150 FOR THOSE STAYING IN THE CONFERENCE HOTEL AND FROM \$150 TO \$175 FOR THOSE NOT STAYING IN THE CONFERENCE HOTEL.

MOTION: Roberts SECOND: Holcomb VOTE: Unanimous

ADD NEW STATE CONTEST

INFORMATION/ACTION

There have been no contests brought by the membership to add contests.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BEST PRACTICES

The middle school committee did not meet regarding the addition of best practices. A new committee will be developed.

A discussion occurred to discuss the possibility of finding middle schools to participate in a demonstration contest.

WLTJ FOR STATE OFFICERS

INFORMATION/ACTION



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Sindie Read suggests not sending students to Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTI) as a result of costs and our current budget.

The Board unanimously decided not to send students to WLTI, as this is under the discretion of the State Director, a board vote was not required.

MOTION TO HOLD THE FALL BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15, 2023 AT 4:30 PM VIRTUALLY.

FIRST: RYAN

SECOND: ROBERTS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

OTHER BUSINESS

INFORMATION/ACTION

Dr. Ryan suggests that we review State Officer Duties.

Dr. Ryan suggested that the Board have a discussion about fundraising for the organization. Tim Conley says that we need to develop committees.

Dr. Ryan suggested that we have a discussion about legislative funding for the organization. Tim Conley says that we need to develop a committee.

The board organized a workshop to develop the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference. The workshop will be held virtually on August 5, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 11:17 A.M. P.T.

MOTION: ROBERTS

SECOND: HAYS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS