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NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF SKILLSUSA
FALL BOARD MEETING
GREEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
460 N. ARROYO GRANDE BLVD., HENDERSON, NV 89014
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
9:00 AM

Roll Call: Members Present
Clint Barnes, Member
Kristina Carey, Member
Tristan Hays, Member
Alvin (Lee) Roberts, Member
Matt Mayhood, Secretary
Sindie Read, State Director
Kathie Smith, Member
Dawnne Smith-Craig, Member
Fred Wright, Member

Members Present via Video Conference
Justin Munson, Member
Daniel Sylvester, Member

Members Present via Telephone
None

Members Absent
Tim Conley, President
Scott Holcomb, Member
Arlene Lovino, Member
Dr. Dana Ryan, Member

Guests Present
None



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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:01 AM

The members of the Board of Directors introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Action

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: ROBERTS

SECOND: SMITH-CRAIG

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Approval of the July Meeting Minutes

Action

APPROVAL OF THE SUMMER MEETING MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUMMER BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: HAYS

SECOND: BARNES

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Year-to-date Financial Report

Information

Sindie Read reports that the \$20,000 in Federal/State Lead. Funds were from last year, but because of disbursement we received it during this year.

Clint Barnes asked about the NLSC Actual amount. Sindie Read reports that it was for the last National Conference, but was applied this year to pay off.

Board Travel was for the Summer and Fall Board Meetings and Sindie Read's travel to Nationals for meetings.

We awarded three scholarships, two have already received the scholarship.

Other income was from pin sales at nationals.

Fall Leadership Report

Information

Sindie Read reports that Fall Leadership is set to take place in Elko. Many teachers across the state have requested assistance from their districts. However, Clark County School District (CCSD) is only paying for bus transportation.

Sindie Read is concerned about attendance and suggests having a north conference and south conference or we cut a day off of the three-day plan so we can offer some savings.



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Fred Wright says that only a few schools in Reno may attend. He suggests that we hold two separate conferences.

Schools are reporting to Sindie Read that they cannot attend because of finances.

A discussion occurred regarding helping the chapters out so they save money.

MOTION TO SPLIT FALL LEADERSHIP INTO TWO SESSIONS, ONE IN LAS VEGAS ON NOVEMBER 16, 2024 AND ONE IN RENO ON NOVEMBER 9, 2024 .

MOTION: ROBERTS SECOND: SMITH-CRAIG VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Fall Leadership Conference for 2025 will be in Elko, Nevada. Chapters need to begin fundraising today. Washoe County School District (WCSD) will not pay for anything for Fall Leadership Conference. CCSD will pay for transportation.

Fall Election of Board Positions

Action

President Tim Conley notified the Board that he will resign and retire from the Board of Directors effective at the conclusion of the Winter Board Meeting.

The Board of Directors collectively thanked President Conley for his leadership through budgetary and COVID-related challenges over his long tenure.

Region 1 will have one open position, Region 3 will have one position, Region 4 will have one position available on the Board of Directors. Nominations will open in the next couple of weeks and elections will begin in November.

Kristina Carey asked the last time we've had more rural counties represented on the Board. She suggests that we have a more diverse board.

A discussion occurred regarding adding more Business and Industry members to the Board of Directors.



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Regional Contest 2025

Information/Action

Automotive and Welding will be held in the North and the South on Saturday, February 8, 2025. College of Southern Nevada, Henderson Campus and Findlay Chevrolet will host the events in the south.

State Conference 2025

Information/Action

The State Leadership & Skills Conference will be held April 8 - 11, 2025 at The Row in Reno, Nevada.

Planning is done around the various spring breaks in Nevada.

Hotel rooms will be the same prices.

Sindie Read is looking for social events, which may look like bowling. Food will not be offered as part of the social.

Add New State Contest

Information/Action

Maintenance and Light Repair, Automated Manufacturing and XXX will be a full contest. Sindie Read is working for the Patton Group to bring the necessary equipment.

One request for Interactive Application And Video Game Development contest was made by Scott Shults at Shadow Ridge High School.

Heather Spencer at Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology (AACT) is requesting the addition of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). AACT is also participating in the Fire Fighting contest.

MOTION TO APPROVE INTERACTIVE APPLICATION AND VIDEO GAME DEVELOPMENT CONTEST TO THE 2025 STATE CONFERENCE AS A DEMONSTRATION CONTEST.

MOTION: ROBERTS

SECOND: WRIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS



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MOTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CONTEST TO THE 2025 STATE CONFERENCE AS A DEMONSTRATION CONTEST.

MOTION: HAYS

SECOND: ROBERTS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Middle School Best Practice

Information/Action

The Middle School Committee will continue to explore the options available to the Board.

Tristan Hays says CCSD and Sindie Read says WCSD does not have budgets set aside for middle school participation.

A discussion occurred regarding pending legislation at the federal level being filtered down to the state level.

Winter Meeting

Information/Action

The Winter Board Meeting will be held on January 11, 2025 at 9AM at Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology.

MOTION: SMITH-CRAIG

SECOND: ROBERTS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Other Business

Information/Action

Dawnee Smith-Craig asked if there has been any movement on holding the State Leadership and Skills Conference in Las Vegas. Sindie Read says working with southern lodging has not been fruitful. The Row Reno is requesting that we begin planning for 2026. Tristan Hays says that he has the places for the outlying events. He says finding a hotel is difficult too. Sindie Read also has concerns with events being held all across the Las Vegas Valley will cause issues. Sindie Read asked Tristan Hays to make a determination otherwise we need to begin planning at The Row in 2026.

A discussion occurred about hosting events outside of Las Vegas. Locations discussed included Arizona, Mesquite/Moapa Valley and Primm.



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Meeting Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 11:33 A.M. P.T.

MOTION: HAYS

SECOND: ROBERTS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

APPROVED BY BOARD



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Nevada Association of SkillsUSA
Preliminary FY'25 Operating Budget

REVENUE

Revenue	FY '25 Budget	FY '25 Actual
Membership Dues	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 112.00
Gifts, Grants, Etc.		
State CTSO Fun	\$ -	
Federal/State Lead. Funds	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Scholarship/Other Grants	\$ -	
NLSC Travel Reimbursement	\$ 30,000.00	
Other contributions		
Registration Income		
Leadership Conference	\$ 15,000.00	
Regional Contest	\$ 2,000.00	
State Conference	\$ 240,500.00	
NLSC	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 2,025.00
Other Income	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,340.39
Interest Income	\$ -	
Total Revenue	\$ 372,500.00	\$ 25,477.39

EXPENDITURES

Expenses	FY '25 Budget	FY '25 Actual
Donations		
General Supplies	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 268.52
Postage	\$ 150.00	
Travel		
St. Officer/advisor travel	\$ 40,000.00	
Board Travel	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,580.77
Printing	\$ 500.00	
Coordinator Contracts - Remainder	\$ 45,000.00	
Conferences		
Leadership Conference		
Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	
Speakers		
Facilities	\$ 2,000.00	
Buses	\$ 5,000.00	
Catering Expense	\$ 4,000.00	
Entertainment		
Regional Contests		
Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	
Host Site Payments	\$ 500.00	
State Conference		
Supplies (contest, other)	\$ 25,000.00	
Speakers		
Facilities	\$ 55,000.00	
Audio-Visual, Set-Up		
Food Service	\$ 12,500.00	
Conference Social	\$ 20,000.00	
Electrical	\$ 50,000.00	
Security	\$ 3,500.00	
First Aid Services	\$ 700.00	
Communications	\$ 300.00	
T-Shirts	\$ 8,000.00	
State Patriation Award		
Other	\$ 2,000.00	
NLSC		
Conference Registration	\$ 30,500.00	
Hote Rooms/Travel	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 5,833.81
Grant Expenditures	\$ 20,000.00	
Catering & A/V		
Misc. Expenses	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 366.30
Association Fees/insurance	\$ 11,500.00	
Software	\$ 5,000.00	
Sales Expense	\$ 2,500.00	
Scholarship Disbursements	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment		
Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 392,500.00	\$ 11,049.40



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To whom it may concern,

My name is Heather Spencer, I am a paramedic with Remsa Health in Reno, NV. I have been with Remsa for the last 10 years, and in education 5 of those years. I currently run the EMS program at AACT. Our dedicated medical pathway is based off EMT and now Medical assisting. Our program aligns with HOSA where we have a large number of students who compete in a variety of medical competitions, EMT being one of the competitions we typically excel in. Last year our EMT students took the top 4 spots in the state competition. Gold, Silver and Bronze competed at the national competition, where they all placed in the top 26 across the nation and one of our teams placed in the top 10. Over the last two years we have had numerous students who wanted to compete in more competitive events outside of HOSA, leading us to SkillsUSA. Last year, the medical academy doubled the amount of competitors at SkillsUSA. Due to the dedication and hard work, the medical students placed in the top three ranks in two of the four medical competitions offered. Nationally, our students placed in the top 15. After numerous students expressing interest, we would like to request an EMT competition at the state conference.

We plan on having Remsa Health judge the event and will reach out to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Reno Fire and Sparks Fire to extend the offer to judge as well. As for the required equipment, we can borrow medical supplies from either AACT or Remsa at no charge. Competitors would be required to supply their own bags and equipment to run the scenario. A list of recommended supplies would be included on the guidelines for the EMT event. Students would be required also to submit a copy of their updated CPR certification and a resume, following the guidelines for other medical related events. I am happy to create the list of supplies needed to add to the EMT guidelines if need be.

Providing the opportunity to compete in EMT would allow more diversity in competitive events offered to the medical students at AACT High School, as well as any Nevada school who offers an EMS program.

We hope you consider our request in creating the opportunity for our medical students to compete in EMT at SkillsUSA.

Best regards,

Heather Spencer and the medical students at AACT High School



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Read, Sindie

From: Scott Schultz [Shadow Ridge HS] <schuls2@nv.ccsd.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 12:48 PM
To: Read, Sindie
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal to Add Nevada SkillsUSA Competition

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Hello,

Please look over the proposal for adding this new contest for Interactive Application and Video Game Development in Nevada. As this is a new program for me personally, and I am only a 3rd year teacher, I am unsure as to how to proceed further. Any additional guidance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

1. Introduction

I am pleased to submit this proposal to add the **Interactive Application and Video Game Development** competition to the Nevada SkillsUSA State Conference. This competition aligns with the nationally approved contest for the Digital Game Development Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway and is designed to enhance the skills and opportunities for our students in this rapidly growing field.

2. Contest Description and Parameters

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- **Team Composition:**
 - Two-person teams.
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 - **Objective:**
 - To produce an original prototype or sample of an interactive application or video game.
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 - **Content Requirements:**
 - At least one level and ten (10) minutes of interactive content.
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 - **Creation Timeline:**



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- Projects must be created during the school year immediately preceding the competition deadline.

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Skills Assessed:

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- Technical knowledge and programming skills.
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- Production skills including artistic design and visual communication.
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- Critical thinking and creative problem-solving.
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- Teamwork and interpersonal communication.
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3. Rationale Based on Industry Trends

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Growing Industry:

- The interactive application and video game industry is experiencing significant growth, both nationally and within Nevada, particularly in the gaming sector.

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Skill Development:

- The competition promotes 21st-century skills such as programming, logic, and creative design, which are highly valued across various industries—from manufacturing and science to film and medicine.

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Local Relevance:

- Nevada hosts several companies that develop video games and gaming technologies, including those for the gambling industry. This provides students with relevant career pathways and supports local industry needs.

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4. Estimated Programs and Students Served

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- **Schools Involved:**
 - 7 schools in Clark County currently offer the Digital Game Development CTE pathway.
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- **Student Population:**
 - Approximately 1,000 students are enrolled in these programs.
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- **Impact:**
 - Introducing this competition will directly benefit these students by providing them with a platform to showcase their skills and gain recognition.
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5. Demonstration of Local Support

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- **Educational Support:**
 - Teachers and administrators from the participating schools are committed to promoting the competition and encouraging student participation.
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6. Compliance with Submission Guidelines

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- **Submission Date:**
 - This proposal is submitted before the October 1 deadline for the current school year.
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Conclusion

Adding the Interactive Application and Video Game Development competition to the Nevada SkillsUSA State Conference aligns with our mission to provide students with opportunities that reflect current industry trends and demands. It will not only enhance the educational experience of our students but also strengthen ties with local industries and support the economic development of our state.

We respectfully request the Board's approval of this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.



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