

Wyoming SkillsUSA Board of Directors
Boad Meeting (hybrid – in person PIC Blue Room and ZOOM
Thursday, March 7, 2024

In Attendance – R. Hill, J. Feiler, D. Crank, L. Dow, J. Eggemeyer, T. Grubb, L. Harmon, J. Martinez (arrived towards the end), C. Rood, B. Thoren, J. Cordonier, J. Stone, J. Wilcox

330pm: Hill- Welcome and review or reading of the minutes 9/2023 – Rob Hill

Motion to waive the reading of the agenda, seconded and approved

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Treasurer’s Report – Joe Feiler and Janie Wilcox

Review of current balance and fiscal year expenses vs income.

Review of Sponsorships to date for the fiscal year.

Discussion of current interest rates and need option to invest an amount currently in our operating account. Discussed stair stepping investments vs a larger amount at once, and high bearing interest vs CD/note or investment account. Cordonier mentioned known, current, high yield saving rates in Cheyenne via FNBO and UniWyo or Wealth Front. Question asked if only available to personal accounts or business, too? Uncertain. Thoren motioned to invest a reasonable amount and follow the recommendation after due diligence of Wilcox and the Treasurer. Seconded by Rood. Motion to amend to include a specific amount made by Cordonier, seconded, by Thoren. New motion to invest 100k following the recommendation of Wilcox and Feiler, passed.

Feiler and Wilcox will discuss the week of the 11th of March.

Perkins Update – Thoren

Thoren reviewed major changes such as, there is no longer a mandatory requirement to perform internships. and only one area needed – of high need/high demand/high wage. And, 250k set aside for discretionary funds. There is also an advisory committee designated as to the use of these discretionary funds. Short discussion on Work Based Learning positions over a three-year period.

Committee Reports

Wilcox addressed the lack of committee progress – holding herself accountable.

Feiler chimed in that he has dropped the ball. Discussion on how we can all stay on task and achieve or strategic plan. Hill proposed at the very least, committees meet a week before a scheduled board meeting and that the board meet quarterly.

Wilcox – Leadership Development and workplace Experiences (Rood/Warner/Harmon/Joyce)- 1.

Technical Committee Chairman handbook and meeting of all tech chairs – Janie will attempt to get all tech chairs together at March’s end. 2. Quality vs Quantity Chapters followed by Chapter growth in 4A, first – we still have not completed our visual map because ¼ through in September, we discovered our info was wrong – however Janie was able to road to trip to many schools as discussed in September. Much discussion to chapters re CEP and mandatory requirement in 2025. Our CEP participation for 2024 is up 500%! Joyce and Wilcox will get together before June and complete the map. 3. Making Connections and telling our story – This initiative needs work. Conversation with Thoren to get on a WASA agenda in the fall, and the committee collect contacts for school boards is in order.

Hill – Advocacy, Marketing, and Community Engagement (Lucas/Joseph/Bruce/Jason/Rob) – Discussed the journey of our CTSO increased funding.

Degenfelder committed in her strategic plan to increase support and participation in CTSOs. Originally in the WDE budget, discussions between Degenfelder and the Governor found the proposed 100% increase and \$150K discretionary funds to CTSOs moved to the Governor's Inflationary Letter. The progress through the legislative session was unpredictable at best, but we currently sit on the budget, approved by the house and senate, and awaiting the governor's signature. The Management Committee also took a hard look at CTE grants. 120K worth of grants could be used locally and toward CTSOs. We have an opportunity to shape where the money should go. Discussed the support of The UW Education Dept and Dr. Shim's support of CTSOs and teacher prep.

Feiler – Financial Management and Partner and Alumni Engagement (Paul/Jeff/Chance/Don) – If the Governor signs the budget and our funding is increased, we are ready to move forward with discussions on salary and ED position description and opening release date.

State Director's Report – Janie Wilcox

SLSC report – Diesel and Automated Manufacturing happening at Gillette College April 12-13. Floyds sponsoring April 13 meals for Diesel. Janie helping Colorado State Conference 9-11th – arrive Gillette the evening of the 11th.

Membership at 957 for the school year. Yapp App has been released, contracts are signed with Ford, lighting, hotel.

SLSC – April 22-24th at Casper College. Eggemeyer mentioned the opportunity of the T-Bird Gym for opening and closing in 2025 – discussed pros and cons. Wilcox will follow up with Chadderdon's office on this (review during state conference? Pros – more intimate and one stop shopping, Cons – not as robust and experience as Ford? Floor covering? Logistics – pipe and drape, Dynamic sound, prize distribution.

Jeff and Jamie are retiring as technical chairman for cabinetmaking after 2024. Cordonier is discussing with Kora Huffman of KW. Also discussed finding business and industry to help. Butch and Capitol Lumber will continue to support our woods competitions. Stone will approach Butch about driving the consumables to Casper this year, and what that might look like for years to come. Kora is also excited to continue the conversation and enjoys working with Eggemeyer. Jamie and Jeff stated the contest is very heavy on the front end. They currently cut all of the materials onsite once delivered. Best way to do it – AFTER delivery. Hardware is a purchase after plans decided.

Rob asked what lunch will look like at PIC for welding fab and carpentry on Tuesday of SLSC. High Power Electric plans to sponsor lunch – Janie it get numbers to Hill after the 19th of March. Discussed board members at 3 year term in August – Eggemeyer/Brutsman/Harmon all agree to an additional term. Eggemeyer suggested college business departments be considered for future board openings. SLSC NEEDS – we need a photography chair – Rob Hill has a lead (friend/journalist) as does Travis Grubb (2).

Board members (beyond those on technical committees) able to attend and help with State – Thoren, Joyce, Grubb, Rood (strong maybe).

NLSC attendance – Grubb, Feiler, Joyce, Thoren – still considering – Janie to remind as we start NLSC planning after SLSC.

Lyle Harmon asked if donors want to tour SLSC how should we handle this – Janie suggested they reach directly to her.

Adjourned: 4:42pm

Unfinished Business

Next meeting date certain

Health Occ - add a Competition

Advertising with PBS

Retreat Consideration and Dates

Bylaw review/revamp