ASPIRE Board Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Approved minutes of the ASPIRE Board meeting

Present
President - Rachel Lund
President Elect - Ally Garcia
Past-President Theresa Rader
Secretary - Dennis Stangl
Treasurer - Cara Davis

State Presidents
Colorado - Leticia Trevino
Montana - Peter Donaldson
North Dakota - Cathleen Ruch
South Dakota - Jennie Thompson
Utah - Anthonie Nichols
Wyoming - Teffany Fegler

Call to order at 9:05 a.m.

Appoint Parliamentarian - Teffany Fegler

Roll Call

Adoption of Agenda
Motion by Theresa Rader seconded by, Jennie Thompson approved

Approval of Board Meeting minutes
Motion by Theresa Rader seconded by, Cathleen Ruch approved
Discussed adding recordings to website

Welcome by President Lund.
Committee Reports - See linked reports in committee reports folder
Conference Committee –Jennie Thompson, Cara Davis
Conference planning committee, discussed the conference schedule and how people will be accessing the website and Zoom links.

Discussed giving the state reports and to be sure state presidents take the time they need to share what their states did in the previous year.

Discussed the election process and what will happen if there is no nomination for President-Elect. The ASPIRE bylaws state the following: 2.1.3 Vacancies
In the event of a vacancy in the position of President Elect or Past President, the Board shall appoint a former President of ASPIRE to serve the duration of the one year unexpired term. The former President must be employed

in a TRIO program in the ASPIRE region and must be a Professional member of ASPIRE. In the event there is not a former President willing to assume the duties of the position, a former Board member shall be appointed. (The first was they bylaws, the second is the O.G.'s)

Post conference workshop
Discussed logistics of the post-conference workshop

Committee Reports

- Government Relations – Peter Donaldson
  COE Policy will be a hybrid event March 20th and 23rd https://coenet.org/policy_seminar.shtml
  Rachel asked what is working for Governmental Relations
  Discussed hosting more roundtables

- Social Justice – Samantha Hill

- Membership Development – Jami Bayles and Dawn Eckhardt

- State Initiatives – Rachel Lund
  Can apply twice a year, ASPIRE matches the funds. There is a December deadline for the next round of grants.

- Leadership Development – Marilyn & Paul Thayer
  Ally Garcia discussed the plan for ALI with the new ASPIRE board.
  Teffany said she thought the new state president ALI session was beneficial. Cat Ruch and Jennie Thompson also said the sessions were helpful.

- Native American – Cathleen Ruch
  Held grant writing workshops. Trying to formulate the next steps for the committee. Rachel said the committee should be proud of their accomplishments.
  Theresa Rader said the biggest thing we wanted to do was increase the number of native students served.

- Public Relations – Dennis Stangl - discussed the newsletter and committee needs. Discussed working on on social media promotion for ASPIRE.

- Corporate Development – Anthonie Nichols
  Conference sponsorships goal has been met.

- TRIO Alumni – need new chair

- Finance Committee – Cara Davis & Rachel Lund
  Compilations report has been filed. A new treasurer will be elected to the board. ASPIRE has been working with Workmosis for about one year. Cara suggested we renew their contract.

Short break at 12:07 p.m.

Resume meeting at 12:20 p.m.

New Business, Discussions, and Updates:

- Andrea Reeve Scholarship Updates
  Awarded 11 scholarships, 13 applied and two did not meet the criteria
  A $2,000 scholarship from ASPIRE. The letter did not specify how the amount was dispersed, the institutions separated in two payments.
  You can retroactively pay for a membership.

- Changed the deadline for the next round to be March 1, 2022.

- Formation of a Scholarship Committee, discussed who should be readers.

- Rachel proposed that we add a scholarship committee.
- 6.12 - Scholarships - OG's

Break for lunch at 1 p.m.

Resume at 2:02 p.m.

Update from Alison Grendahl and Christina Millemon
Presented the logo for the 2022 conference
Suggested theme: ASPIRING to new heights
Motion by Anthonie, seconded by Ally Garcia - approved the logo.

Resumed discussion of the Scholarship committee and changes to the operating guidelines.
Motion to create a scholarship by Cat Ruch, seconded Teffany Fegler, approved.

7. ANDREA REEVE DEGREE ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

7.1. General

The Andrea Reeve Degree Advancement Scholarship will be awarded to ASPIRE members who are attempting to increase their degree attainment from an accredited institution of higher education. Eligible degrees are Doctoral Degrees, Master's Degrees, Master Certificates, Bachelor Degrees, and Associate Degrees.

7.2. Eligibility

The successful candidate will:

- Be accepted to a regionally accredited institution in an eligible degree program.
- Have paid at least three years of Professional or Associate Membership in the ASPIRE region.

- Current members of the ASPIRE Board are not eligible.

7.3. Distribution

The scholarship deadline will be March 1. Priority will be given to awarding two, $2,000 scholarships per academic year. Applicants must apply for the scholarship each year. Upon acceptance of the award, the $2,000 scholarship will be sent directly to the institution prior to the start of the fall semester in the applicant's name.

7.4. Scoring

Each question will be scored through an anonymous process by readers comprised of volunteers from within the ASPIRE region. Particular attention will be paid to finding readers with no conflicts of interest. Reader scores will be averaged and awards will be made accordingly.

Motion to update the operating guidelines for the scholarship and committee, by Cat Ruch and seconded by Teffany Fegler, approved.

8.14. Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee is made up of two co-chairs appointed by the President and under the direction of the ASPIRE Board. The Committee oversees all aspects of the scholarship process including notifying members of the open application/deadlines each year, evaluating scholarship applicants, notifying awardees, and dissemination of funds to institutions of higher education.

Suggested theme: ASPIRING to new heights

- ASPIRE will begin to sell TRIO Jewelry, ASPIR will plan to sell the current merchandise until it is out of stock. Working on creating a contract to sell the jewelry.

Operating guidelines and other ASPIRE documents will be

- Discussed the need to update/add inclusive language on documents -
  Propose to create a Taskforce to look thru documents
- Ally Garcia, Peter and Cara will work on this task.

Other miscellaneous items

- ELDP Feedback and brainstorming
- 2023 Conference proposal and decisions
  Discussed planning for the conference
  Did some electronic voting regarding the location, a vote was made to host the conference at Park City.
  The vote was between Chateaux Deer Valley and the Sheraton in Park City
  The location and date were approved via e-business.
- Chateaux Deer Valley - 10/6/2023 - 10/11/2023 $169.00 USD
- Theresa made a motion to go into an executive session, and Teffany seconded to move to an executive session.
  Motion by Cat, seconded by Jennie, approved to resume regular session.

Break for the day at 5:00 p.m. MT / 6:00 p.m. CT

COE Updates: Rachel, Theresa & Ally

State Reports: See attached State Report Folders

- Colorado **–** Leticia Trevino
- Montana – Peter Donaldson
- North Dakota – Cathleen Ruch
- South Dakota – Jennie Thompson
- Utah – Anthonie Nichols
- Wyoming – Teffany Fegler

Old Business:

Good of the Order: Anthonie, - what is this? Rachel, a time to bring up something positive.
Cat thanked Rachel for her work. Teffany thanked her for the LDI.
Theresa Rader's last board meeting, thanked everyone for their support.

Adjourn at 4:36 p.m.
Motion to adjourn by Ally Garcia, seconded by Leticia Trevino, motion approved.