



Minutes for SD ASPIRE Business Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Carissa Deming at 4:01 PM MST. We have enough paid members present for a quorum.

II. Parliamentarian

Carol VossWard was appointed Parliamentarian.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Carissa Deming presented the meeting agenda for approval. Marion BlueArm moved, and Aric Bakeberg seconded that the agenda be adopted; unanimous approval, motion carried.

IV. Welcome & Introductions

Introductions were made around the table.

- i. Members Present (11): Aric Bakeberg, Carissa Deming, Ashley Kirchner, Nathan Feldt (zoom) Justin Bartel, Kirsten Ackmann, Carol VossWard, Marion BlueArm, Wendy Blunt, Morgan Johnson, NONMEMBERS: Chiara Wang, Cassandra Maillet.

V. Approval of Minutes

Justin Bartel moved to approve the minutes for the SD ASPIRE April 2024 business meeting as written; Aric Bakeberg seconded; no discussion; unanimous approval; motion carries.

VI. Committee Reports

- i. Government Relations – Aric Bakeberg reported that TRIO will be flat funded in this upcoming year. However, TRIO did not receive the 14% cut that most of the programs in the Department of Education received. Aric attends a bimonthly meeting through COE.
- ii. Membership Development – Ashley Kirchner reported that 22 SD ASPIRE members paid their individual memberships. There are approximately 39 TRIO professionals across the state of South Dakota. She encouraged us to reach out to those who did not attend the conference to encourage them to get involve with ASPIRE. Hopefully, SDSU's program will join ASPIRE in the future.
 - i. 10 for 10 and Fairshare if four completed \$100 donations this year.
 - a. We currently have a total of 1 of 4.
- iii. Treasurer's Report – Ashley Kirchner gave the Treasurer's Report. There is a balance of \$13,427.40 as of August 31, 2024. This leaves us in a positive balance of \$178.00 currently. We were able to send two people to policy due to the help of Jami Bayles ASPIRE Regional President, Aric Bakeberg, and Carissa Deming. Carissa Deming has done a really wonderful job of keeping us close to neutral balance and has contributed in many ways financially to help our budget balanced through personal contributions.
- iv. President's Report – Carissa Deming

- i. Carissa Deming sat on the wellness/entertainment and enjoyment committee for the Regional ASPIRE Conference.
- ii. Carissa Deming helped draft a letter to COE to discuss inequities in their approaches for 10 for 10 Fairshare.
- iii. As a state we have elected Carol VossWard for President Elect
- iv. Carissa Deming encouraged us to vote, in favor of the combination, for the combination of various ASPIRE individual membership to be combined down to one.
- v. ASPIRE is moving to a new website.
- vi. Carissa Deming encouraged members to follow us on Facebook- South Dakota ASPIRE
- vii. Carissa Deming let us know she could create more meetings for other directors like the SSS Directors meeting that happens monthly.
- viii. 2025 Proposed Budget

Recess: Carissa Deming moved to recess the meeting until Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 12:00PM MDT, Aric Bakeberg seconded; unanimous approval, motion carries.

Carissa Deming called the Meeting back to order at 11:58 AM MDT. SD State ASPIRE Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024.

- ix. Carissa Deming is going to look into having SD/ND pay for the conference based on percentage of who attends the Costate conference.
- x. Carissa Deming is going to look into the Spraggins grant to see if we can use it to help fund our Costate conference.
- xi. Aric Bakeberg moved to approve the Budget for 2025 FY business meeting as written; Justin Bartel seconded; no discussion; unanimous approval; motion carries.

VII. New Business

- i. Executive Leadership Institute
 - a. Noone from South Dakota is attending this year. Typically, it is the President Elect who attends, Carol VossWard was unable to do so due to scheduling.
- ii. SD ASPIRE Committee Vacancies
 - a. SD TRIO Awareness Subcommittee
 - b. SD TRIO Alumni Subcommittee
 - c. Public Relations Committee
 - i. Morgan Johnson- Cochair
- iii. SD Regional Committees
 - a. Carissa Deming will be reaching out to see if anyone is interested in sitting on committees based on feedback from the board.
- iv. Policy Seminar 2025
 - a. We would like to send two SD people: Carissa Deming is willing, but we would like to send Carol VossWard as President Elect.
- v. Upcoming COE Conferences
 - a. 2025 it will be in Chicago.

- b. 2026 it will be in San Diego.
 - c. 2027 it will be in Denver.
- vi. Pierre, SD - TRIO Trip
 - a. We are going to table this for a year when we are not planning a Costate Conference. Instead, the idea was brought up of visiting the legislatures Sioux Fall or Rapid City Offices.
- vii. Spraggins Grant
 - a. Carissa Deming plans to write for the Spraggins Grant once we decide what we want to do.
- viii. Video/Photo Project TRIO Day 2025
 - a. Scott Lemon at BHSU will create a video for free for TRIO Day. Each school must provide marketing level video footage. Scott is going on paternity leave in spring. We can compile footage this year and then share with legislators, administration, etc.
- ix. 2025 ND/SD Co-State ASPIRE Conference - Proposal
 - 1. Location to be held at BHSU in Spearfish, SD April 3rd -4th.
 - a. Ideas of interest to the group included:
 - 1. Bring in campus experts to present at the conference. Carissa will send out presentation polls.
 - 2. Brain Development
 - 3. Trenton Ellis- Food Insecurity
 - 4. Special Education to talk about study strategies.
 - 5. Leadership
 - 6. Information on AI
 - 7. Educational Psychology
 - 8. Do a tour of campus

2. Committees

- a. Logistics Committee- Carissa Deming
 - b. Agenda Committee-
 - c. Entertainment & Special Events Committee- Aric Bakeberg & Justin Bartel
 - d. Conference Program & Materials Committee- Cass Maillet & Kirsten Ackmann & Carissa Deming
 - e. Special Guests Committee-
 - f. Moderators Committee- Wendy Blunt
 - g. Silent Action Committee- Chiara Wang
 - h. Registration Committee- Ashley Kirchner & Morgan Johnson
 - i. Budget Committee- Carissa Deming & Nathan Feldt
 - j. Cochair of conference- Ashley Kirchner & Nathan Feldt
- x. Conference Cancellation Fee Policy: \$25 (OG update discussion)

- a. Chairi Wang, Carol VossWard, Justin Bartel, Morgan Johnson, Ashley Kirchner are all ok with their grant not getting the \$200 back should someone be sick. Ashley Kirchner will follow up with grants office to determine who would have to pay back the \$200.
- xi. Regional Conference 2027: South Dakota
 - a. Regional Members have requested Deadwood for a location.

VIII. Announcements

- . Project announcements
 - 1. New Members: Justin Bartel, Kristen Ackmann received their pins.
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 - 1. Group Photo at the end of the banquet.

Aric Bakeberg moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:04PM MST. Cassandra Maillet seconded, unanimous approval. The next SD Chapter of ASPIRE business meeting will be held during the CoState Conference in Spearfish, SD in April 2025.

Carol VossWard suggested that in the future we be more inclusive in our recognition of the individual donors at least at our level.

- SD TRIO Staff in appreciation of reaching SD 10 for 10 Fairshare Goal:
 - Aric Bakeberg
 - Carissa Deming
 - Ashley Kirchner
 - Justin Bartel
 - Kirsten Ackmann
 - Carol VossWard
 - Marion BlueArm
 - Wendy Blunt
 - Morgan Johnson
 - Chiara Wang
 - Cassandra Maillet

II. Old Business