

NEACAC General Membership Meeting
San Diego Convention Center (San Diego, CA, USA)
Thursday, October 1, 2015
4:45 p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

The following meeting minutes were taken by Bill Jack.

Welcome and Call to Order:

Jon Westover called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved to approve the minutes from June 2015 General Membership meeting. The motion was seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

President's Report:

Jon Westover welcomed everyone to the conference.

He began by sharing remarks regarding the summer's Rising Leaders Colloquium, which was run by Kelly Richards.

He mentioned that he was able to welcome the participants to the 40th Summer Institute and thanked Cindy Jacobs for her work. Those present provided a round of applause.

Jon W. mentioned that Mo Zelaya will be chairing the Website Ad Hoc Committee. Those present provided a round of applause.

Jon W. also mentioned that Anne Richardson will be chairing the Resources for Secondary School Counselors Counseling International Students Ad Hoc Committee. Those present provided a round of applause.

Jon W. encouraged anyone who is interested in those ad hoc committees to seek out Mo Z. and Anne R. respectively.

Jon W. acknowledged Joe DiCarlo for his work on the College Fair Committee.

Jon W. also acknowledged those who are serving on NACAC committees and read their names aloud. Those present provided a round of applause.

Jon W. mentioned that one of the committees with which he liaises is the Professional Development Committee and that he would speak on behalf of Jeff Gallant for today's meeting. He announced that the location for the upcoming Advanced Secondary School Counselor Summer Institute will take place at Simmons College and will be run by Moira McKinnon.

Jon W. thanked Amy Cembor and her committee's work for the 50th Anniversary. He also provided thanks for Joyce Vining Morgan for her work on the 50 for 50 eBlast series. He encouraged people to send photos to 50years@neacac.org.

Amy C. was asked to stand to be recognized for being a nominee for the NACAC Board of Directors. Those present provided a round of applause.

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Mandy Savitz-Romer was asked to stand to be recognized for having received the NACAC Excellence in Education Award earlier today. Those present provided a round of applause.

President-Elect's Report:

Sherri Geller extended a special welcome to all those who are first-timers to this conference.

June 1-3, 2015, is when the NEACAC Annual Meeting & Conference will take place at Northeastern University and Kate Gerbode-Grant will be running this year's conference, Sherri G. shared.

She added that Jeff Portu and the Sponsorship Committee is working on matters related to sponsorship throughout the year.

Past President's Report:

Marguerite Raymo said that she liaises with the Admissions Practices Committee, and the co-chairs are Jim Fowler and Kathi Moody, and they work on upholding the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

Kelly Bellavance will be reporting out later during this meeting on the Nominating Committee, Marguerite R. said.

Marguerite R. said that she is working also with the Adopt a District Ad Hoc Committee, and she thanked Donna Lyons for serving as chair of that committee.

As for Summer Institute 2016, Marguerite R. said that sites are being considered and we will be announcing the chosen site soon. She encouraged everyone with new professionals in their office to have them attend that program.

Vice President's Report:

Cindy Jacobs said that everyone should have gotten a Hershey's® bar and some people would receive a golden ticket for a complimentary registration to the 2016 NEACAC Annual Meeting & Conference. For those who receive a golden ticket, she asked those recipients to see Bill Jack after the meeting so we can record their name.

There are also NEACAC 50th Anniversary pins available, Cindy J. shared.

And, finally, Cindy J. mentioned that there is a reception after this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Eric Nichols said that 77% of the income comes from the College Fair Committee and the Annual Meeting & Conference Committee. Combined, those committees came in 17% under budget. Eric N. expressed thanks to Erin Earle, Kate Gerbode-Grant, Joe DiCarlo, and the college fair site chairs, for their work to make these figures possible. Those present provided a round of applause.

Eric N. also provided an update on our partnership with our investment firm.

Eric N. acknowledged the Association and the Finance Committee for their work multiple years ago to set aside funds leading up to the 50th Anniversary.

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Executive Administrator's Report:

Caroline Dana said that she liaises with the Two Year College Committee, and Hadley Camilus is working on more initiatives related to outreach with those who work with transfer populations.

She also works closely with Joe DiCarlo and the College Fair Committee.

She encouraged people to renew their membership. One way to check if that has been renewed, she said, is to see if you have received the eBlasts because those who have renewed their membership do receive the eBlasts.

Committees and Programs Reports:

A. Nominating Committee

The nominating process will open Monday, October 5, for any open Executive Board and Governing Board positions, Kelly Bellavance reported. She encouraged members to nominate people beginning on Monday. We are in search for a president-elect from the college side, a treasurer-elect, a secretary, and many assembly delegates. She mentioned that people are welcome to nominate others or nominate themselves. Nominations will close November 15. If anyone has any questions, she asked people to contact the current leadership directly.

B. Communication Services Committee

Lisa Ellrich provided a brief overview of the three subcommittees of the Communication Services Committee: eBlasts, newsletters, and public relations. She mentioned that everyone was sent a communications survey in the late spring/early summer. Based on the results of that survey, they will be making some changes. One change is that the eBlast will include photos and links. We will also be creating a social media subcommittee. Also, as was mentioned earlier, Mo Zelaya will be chairing the Website Ad Hoc Committee.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Announcements:

Steve McGrath mentioned that TalentSearch is celebrating a birthday this year and encouraged people to attend to celebrate this.

Marguerite Raymo announced that NEACAC and NYSACAC will be holding a super conference in spring 2018.

Kate Gerbode-Grant mentioned that the session proposal form for the Annual Meeting & Conference is now on the website and that sessions are due January 5, 2016.

Jon Westover encouraged everyone to attend the NEACAC Annual Meeting & Conference.

Adjournment:

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It was moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

Jon Westover adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

One addendum to the meeting minutes that has been placed here, as a reminder, but is not part of the official minutes:

During the meeting, four people received a golden ticket in a Hershey's® bar, which entitled them to a complimentary registration to the 2016 Annual Meeting & Conference. Those recipients included Bob Bardwell from Monson High School and Aixa DeKelley from Andover High School. Provided that the other two golden tickets were in bars that were distributed (there were lots of leftover bars), those names are unknown.