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**ASPIRE Board Meeting
Last day of Fall 2006 Conference – Missoula, Montana
October 11, 2006
Submitted by Brian Pilcher**

Approved Minutes

Allyn Kostecki called meeting to order at 11:10am. . The following were present, with partial attendances noted:

OFFICERS

Allyn Kostecki, President
Michael Wade, President-elect (until 11:30am)
Amy Verlanic, Past President
Brian Pilcher, Secretary
Krisan Crow, Treasurer

STATE PRESIDENTS

Michael Manos, Colorado (for early part)
Jamie Schell, Montana
Dawn Eckhardt, North Dakota
Susan Hupp, South Dakota
Rachel Martinez, Wyoming
Kimberly Domacilio, Utah not present

GUESTS

Lynn Farris, 2006 Conference Chair (for her report)

Allyn Kostecki appointed as parliamentarian Susan Hupp.
Allyn Kostecki announced that “Stand up for TRIO” is his slogan for the year.
Allyn Kostecki distributed an agenda and a financial pledge form and encouraged contributions.

January board meeting dates— Allyn Kostecki encourage all to make travel arrangements that don't conflict with the meeting. Finance committee should plan to meet the evening of Thursday, January 11th, 2007. Send Allyn Kostecki an email on who will share rooms.

May board meeting- Alternative sets of dates are being considered—Thursday May 3rd to Saturday May 5th OR Sunday April 29th to Tuesday May 1 in Adams Mark Hotel in Denver. Tentative based on input from missing board members.

North Dakota ASPIRE Conference will be in Fargo

South Dakota ASPIRE Conference meeting place being decided by the conference committee as either Sioux Falls or Rapid City. Allyn Kostecki encouraged the committee to consider cost of flights for the membership.

Need a state president on the **personnel committee** which is chaired by ASPIRE president and on **finance committee** which is chaired by treasurer. Rachel volunteered for personnel committee.

Nomination #1: Rachel Martinez nominated herself to be on the **personnel committee**. Passed unanimously.

Susan Hupp volunteered for the **finance committee** but wondered about stacking of committee with so many from Black Hills State. Amy Verlanic suggested Mike Manos due to his experience, and he agreed to serve.

Nomination #2: Susan Hupp nominated Mike Manos to serve on the **finance committee**. Nomination passed unanimously.

Awards committee-- suggestion carried to the board by Susan Hupp to combine **Awards** and **TRIO Achievers** committees. Allyn Kostecki suggested that since the two committees are recognized in the operating guidelines, that it would be better for the committees to work together than to fold them into a single committee.

Motion #1: Susan Hupp moved that she investigate combining the work of the **Awards** and **TRIO Achievers** committees. Second by Jamie. Motion carried unanimously.

Allyn Kostecki solicited nominations for committees. Rachel Martinez suggested Susan Stoddard for TRIO Day. Allyn Kostecki will take more nominations by e-mail, then present formally at next board meeting. It was pointed out that the operating guidelines do not provide for e-business as such, and Amy Verlanic suggested that we work on a proposal to establish procedures.

Allyn Kostecki led a discussion on the Board work over the next 3 months:

Get states incorporated with 501-(c)3 status. Susan Hupp asked for another state to send her materials on their incorporation process. Dawn volunteered to do that. Allyn Kostecki gave background on need for this. Rachel suggested working with other 501-(c)3 entities for mutual support and recognition as tax-deductible contribution targets.

Strategic Plan- board members should please read and understand it. A copy is on the CD distributed with conference registration materials and on the website.

COE phonathon plans- state presidents should organize calls to membership in the first two weeks of December to encourage contributions through personal memberships, program memberships, institutional memberships, subscription packages, personal contributions.

Develop state budgets—each state has its own deadline from their operating guidelines. Krisan will send state presidents an estimate of what the states might expect from ASPIRE and what they are expected to contribute to ASPIRE.

State initiative funds from ASPIRE—States can apply for state initiative funds from ASPIRE. Allyn Kostecki will send an invitation to presidents to apply.

Other discussion topics:

Mike Manos forwarded Julie Jackman's idea for a **conference theme** of "building a coalition of shared purpose" to Paulette McIntosh.

Allyn Kostecki polled the presidents for **State Conference dates-**

MT needs to set according to state legislature schedule; in Helena.

SD is April 16-17 in Chamberlain at Cedar Shores Hotel.

ND- no date or hotel set, but will be in Bismarck.

WY- Casper WY perhaps around TRIO Day.

CO-

UT-

Allyn Kostecki asked states to send conference info to him when they get plans set.

Most of states are scheduling activities for TRIO Day and state initiatives.

Lynn Farris gave rough estimate of \$50K profit from conference.

Amy Verlanic asked for the following to be put on January agenda: conference cycling, membership for retirees, conference evaluation for 2006, develop e-business policy for region. Discussed need for discussion on conference cycling.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45. Motion by Pilcher. Dawn second. Motion carried unanimously.