

**NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS
NASP
BOARD MEETING
October 5, 2009**

Conference call: Phone Information A: dial 1800-411.6508 ext. 7421

AK 1:00pm, --WA, OR 2:00pm--ID 3:00pm

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm (Pacific Time)

Roll Call: Lois Rasmussen, Odila Rueda, Mateo Arteaga, Neil McFarlane, Dely Judal, Dean Kelly, Traci Birdsell, Vicki Trier

Officer's Report:

(1) President Elect: Neil McFarland

Emerging Leaders Institute – Neil sent out ELI information. Neil suggested states come up with four members per state. The board is paying for one night and per diem for those who come to the training prior to the annual conference. Neil wanted 2-3 sessions for ELI training during the conference. Participants will be divided into teams and each team will be assigned a particular area to research. In July some of them will present at that time and the others will present at the 2010 conference. Neil would like the names by mid-October or first of November. It is a one-year commitment for participants.

(2) Past President: Mateo Arteaga

Nominations: The positions that are open are college representative, Alaska president, secretary, Oregon president, and NASP president-elect. President-Elect Vicki Trier and Secretary, Andrea Brockmeyer invited to run. Don Boderman may already have been voted Oregon's state president to secede Phillip. Vicki is the only candidate for president-elect at this time.

(3) Treasurer: Lois

Updates

We have rolled over to the new website platform. The online Conference registration is up and running. Also, the December 2008-December 2009 project membership form.

One good piece of news, when we use the online bill pay banking feature, and a check does not arrive at its destination there is no stop payment fee. With paper checks the cost is \$30.

(4) President's Report: see report below; Traci will put on NASP webpage. Odila asked Pat Palmerton to help with ELI. Neil stated that Pat will present the historical part of NASP. Neil is also going to ask Sally Burge.

(5) Alaska: Katokakala Ha'unga: not in attendance

Phillip joined the call at 2:25pm.

(6) Oregon: Philip Dirks: Don Boderman is the new Oregon state president. Philip may not be able to attend the NASP conference in December. He will contact Don to see if he can step in early. The Oregon bylaws need to be revised and then they will be ready to file the 501c3.

(7) Idaho: Vicki Trier:

Vicki completed the first draft of Idaho's 501c3 paperwork and sent it for review to a family member who is a lawyer and has experience with the paperwork.

Once she receive her comments, she hope to have the final draft submitted to the IRS by the end of October. Vicki thanked Dean for sharing his 501c3 draft. It was very helpful.

Traci Birdsell (Idaho's Vice-President) and Vicki have been working on updating Idaho's bylaws to better reflect how the organization actually functions and to plan for receiving non-profit status. They plan to use an online survey service to have the membership vote on the changes before the meeting in December in order to streamline the process. Vicki is currently looking at possible president-elect candidates if she is elected NASP President-Elect and it would be voted on at the December meeting.

Idaho's spring meeting is set for April 29 and 30 in Pocatello (Idaho State University).

(8) Washington : Dean Kelly

- * All 501c3 paperwork is mailed off to IRS
- * In the midst of creating a 5 year plan that will be presented at NASP
- * An updated website will be presented at NASP

(9) College Rep: Marc Coomer: not in attendance

(10) Pre-College Rep: Kristin Fehrer: not in attendance

(11) Active Non- TRiO: Dely Judal: Nothing to report

Old Business

New Business:

Conference update:

Debra Northcross – Dely will contact about speaking at NASP and possibly talking with the ELI group. Mateo reminded us that sitting regional presidents do not have to pay the conference registration fee. Odila sent an invitation to all the sitting regional presidents inviting them to present at our conference. She directed them to the website to fill out the call for proposals. Odila sent out the invite two weeks ago.

Kato joined the meeting at 2:38 pm.

Clock Hours – Traci contacted the Puget Sound Educational Service District about offering clock hours for those interested at the conference. She will continue to explore this.

Election- Mateo – The committee wanted to make sure that the board elections were completed prior to the conference. Lois suggested that the proposed changes go out ahead of the general meeting. Mateo stated that the rules have to be suspended to vote on the bylaw changes at the general meeting. Mateo thought we could send out the proposed bylaw changes to the membership prior to the meeting to be voted on at the general meeting in December so the membership didn't have to wait a year until the proposed changes go into effect if approved. Traci will request possible questions for Linda Bird-Johnson from the NASP membership to submit prior to her talk.

Conference Reception – We would like to have a private reception in the president's suite. Board members would bring wine and Kato will help organize the reception.

Update: Dr. Mitchem and Brother and Sister-in-law coming.

Advertising - We could use help from state presidents to get program ads. Is there anyone in the institution that would like to buy an ad?

Schedule -State meeting times: All states requested to meet Tuesday from 1:30-2:30pm.

Preconference – Persist! Lois has 144 people who are interested. We only have room for 120 participants. Persist is covering the breakfast and A/V equipment.

Presentations – We are still looking for about 15 additional proposals. The NASP directory on the website has disappeared. Scott is looking into it.

Board meeting - The NASP board will meet on the December 5th. A specific time will be scheduled at a later date.

Kato made a motion to reallocate state money so it can be used to help cover travel to NASP. Philip stated he thought it was an Alaska state question, not a NASP board decision. Lois suggested that Kato related to the Alaska constituents that their project memberships are what help pay for.

Mateo requested that the board recognize Washington State Representative Patty Murray on Monday of the conference. She is on the federal appropriations committee. Lois suggested that we recognize her at the President's reception Sunday night.

Dely asked for input for people who might be interested in setting up tables at the pre-conference and business cards collected from COE conference for contacts.

Odila asked if the board wanted Walden University to have a table at the conference. Dely stated if they were willing to pay, that was fine.

The board discussed the proposal from Walden University. The board is not interested in entering an agreement with them at this time.

The next meeting is November 9 at 2:00 pm Pacific Time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm Pacific Time.

Report: COE Board Meeting and Annual Conference 2009 San Antonio, TX
Odila Rueda, September 18, 2009

I would like to thank the University of Alaska Anchorage, and EOC director Dr. Patterson for allowing me the opportunity to fulfill my responsibility as Northwest Association Regional President to attend Board of Directors meeting for The Council for Opportunity in Education held in San Antonio, TX. This is my report.

Dr. DeWayne Matthews, Vice President was in attendance: Lumina Foundation is the Largest Educational Foundation to promote education in the United States. Their goal is to increase the proportion of Americans to 60% with a higher education degree by 2025. Dr. Matthews addressed the need: The United States needs more degrees to be competitive with other countries. He also stated 60 % of jobs will require a college degree of some type by the year 2025.

College attainment by age group:

55-60 US 38% completed Post Secondary degree. Globally leading

45-54 US 40% completed Post Secondary degree Canada 43 %

35-44 US 41% Canada 51 %

25-34 US is in 10th place with Canada at 55%, Japan 54%, and at Korea 53 %

We will need 150,000 increases in student's graduation every year to remain a competitive country.

Dr. Linda Byrd-Johnson, TRiO Director for the Department of Education, points of interest:

Your grant is your contract, what is written is to be completed.

1. If you have carry over at the end of the year, the department will look unfavorably at the program. Please be careful of carry over it could give the impression that you could give services to students for less money. If you stated you were going to serve 85% you must serve 85% or your institution will payback full amount of grant. Spend your money. Server your students that you were funded to serve.
2. The higher education institution might be asked to repay the grant amount if numbers are not met. The Department of Education will look to see how many students were served and based on the number served will allocate money to match what was completed or students served.
3. Make sure that you are very honest in reporting on your APR report.
4. Match grant aid--all agree that indirect costs are calculated on the base award only and that supplemental aid is not included in the indirect cost
5. October 1, 2009 form for Annual performance report out
6. Nov 30, 2009 Annual performance report due
if it is written in the grant you are responsible to provide the services.
7. Make sure that you are meeting a balance in gender recruiting.
8. Be careful what you say on the list serve.
9. Watch out for unallowable expensive (clothing)

Peter Sacks an author, journalist and social critic. His recent book, *Tearing Down the Gates: Confronting the Class divide in American Education*, won the 2008 Federico W. Ness Book of the Year Award from Association of American Colleges and Universities. His book is on statistics and how support services are crucial to students of low income and 1st generation.

Dr. Arnold L. Mitchem, President of the Council for Opportunity in Education, has been a voice for low-income and disabled Americans his entire career. Thanks to his work, the federally funded TRiO Programs (the largest discretionally programs in the U.S. department of Education) have expanded by nearly 400% and now serve more than 872,000 students at 1,200 colleges and universities.

Dr. Mitchem reiterated Mr. Obama's budget is patterned much like Mr. Bush's budget. There is really no change. Mr. Obama continued 2005 pattern of programs flat lining. 110 SSS programs will be cut affecting 33,000 students. 80 new programs will be created. If you are not funded please contact the Council for the Appeal process as they are our advocate with the Department of Education.

Greg Darnieder Assistant to Arne Duncan, Director of the Department of Education, understands financial aid and Support Services work, He shared the following statistics:

1. 1.2 million Dropout of High School per year.
2. Adults at the age of 35 years old are returning to college for a degree.
3. 2010 FAFSA \$5,050.00. --Increase of 1%
4. Tax credit standing at \$1,800 will increase to \$2,500
5. 200 million dollars for work study
6. 1200 schools have participated in the Perkins loan programs an additional 44,000 additional schools will participate in the Perkins program
7. IRS information tax return will be matched with the FAFSA reporting
8. Income base repayment on loans
9. Forgiveness after 25 years vs. 30 years
10. Unemployment participants will not be asked for verification
11. If working for the community need based programs 10 years forgiveness plan could apply to loans
12. College coaches for student in high school will be a new position

Jane Oates- Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Labor is pushing for EOC to connect with the WIA programs. She stated, The department would like to see more involvement with state WIA programs having a presence and also with the Veterans office having a presence of EOC staff. How can veterans be served? Some suggestions were:

Serving American Veterans

1. Creating a friend
2. Giving Vets a voice
3. Committee and roundtable discussion
4. Surveys and needs assessments
5. Ask a Veteran forum --Veteran speakers
6. Ask a veteran to give a speech
7. Building a strong web presence
8. Have a point of contact
9. Welcome letters to Vets
10. Local information centrally build easy to find information on policies
11. Building a transitional class full of Vets as they make a transition to Higher Education
12. EOC counselors at the VA office
13. Picture of point of contact person

The population of Hispanics is 46.9 million making Hispanics the number 1 majority ethnic group in America. However; they are not graduating? What is it that holds them back? Dr. Eugene Garcia has published extensively, and shares his knowledge regarding effective schooling for underserved students. Hispanics are held back because of cultural barriers, money, family making one of the most looked at barriers that hold Hispanic women from furthering either education.

Ending on a very high note: NASP reached 146% of their financial obligation to the Council for their support through donations and intuitional membership. The council would like to thank institutions for their support. 186 Upward bound programs were not cut due to the efforts of the Council.

This is my report on the Board Meeting and the Conference.

Respectfully,

Odila Rueda, M.Ed
NASP President
Board of Directors member for the Council for Opportunity in Education

Excerpt from letter sent to Senator Murkkowski

September 13, 2009

Honorable Senator Murkowski,

P Billions of dollars are being spent on education making monies more accessible to our youth yet; without guidance and supportive services many will fail. As a parent you must agree with me that money is not the answer to raising a well adjusted child, teenager, or young adult, it is support, encouragement, mentoring, persistence in following through that builds a productive well rounded citizen for our country. Studies show supportive services and monies go hand in hand like a marriage. Where are the supportive services that students will need to be successful?

Documented successful Supportive Services as with the TRiO programs have already been established. Ms Lynda Bird-Johnson the Director of the TRiO programs has evidence from the APR reports on the success of TRiO. The Council for Opportunity in Education Dr. Mitchem has also compelled data, Director Dr. Taylor ; of the Pell Institute also has data for the TRiO programs. The wheel of invention has been tested and these programs have proven their successes year after year for over 40 years. TRiO programs are not minority driven, they are for the impoverished. TRiO programs give Americans hope for a better life. Poverty has no ethnicity and it is not gender specific.

President Obama goal is to reverse the dropout rate in America of our youth is admirable.

Greg Darnieder Senior Advisor, Secretary to the Department of Education, Washington DC stated that 1.2 million High School students drop out of school yearly. Statistics from the Lumina foundation DeWayen Matthews's data states that the United States will drop globally to 10th place by the year 2025.

I speak for the improvised of America, a voice of the silent, which know all too well hunger, class distinction, cultural aliened, social ineptness , and informational struggles to pursue higher education; TRiO grids the barriers students face and builds paved roads for success for their immediate and extended families and for future generations.

The United States prisons are growing at an alarming rate with our youth; let us not add to them. Let us remember the obligation to our Military men and women. As Jane Oaks, admonished TRiO communities in uniting with State programs (WIA) programs. Supportive Services to assist in the transition to our military men and women who so valiantly have fought for our country.

September, 2009

Pat Palmerton

It is with great enthusiasm I extend a formal invitation for you to be a key part of our **New Emerging Leaders Institute**. NASP is looking forward to start ELI this December, 2009. Neil McFarlane will have the outline of the ELI as he will be the next NASP president. ELI will be in charge of our newsletter and also keeping up with the NASP website. ELI participants will attend board meetings to see how a Board meeting is conducted and will shadow a state president if possible.

We would like to invite you as a seasoned TRiO director to teach the "History" of TRiO and of NASP. As with all successful programs it is imperative history or the foundation of the organization be taught. After much discussion within the Presidency

and the Board it was unanimous, that we contact you. Your leadership, grant writing, management, program development skills have enhanced the TRiO community, making TRiO a respected program.

We as a region, at this time would be honored if you would accept this invitation. We thank you for your commitment to TRiO and to build strong leadership within the Region.

If you have any question please feel free to call me. Work 907-274-5522 or my cell 1907-830-3318.

We await you response.

Respectfully,

Odila Rueda, M.Ed
NASP President