

National Conference of Governor's Schools
Business Meeting Minutes
Louisville, KY
October 15, 2016

President Sherry Keffer presented a gift to Aris Cedeno, host of the conference, and gave thanks to his working team: Cody Cook, Bonnie Mullin, Jenny Garcia, Danielle Moore, and others.

Business Meeting was called to order at 11:15am. Roll call (name and program name) was performed.

Minutes from the Business Meeting on October 10, 2015, in Birmingham, AL, were distributed and approved (Ted/Mary). Motion passed.

Annual Financial Report will be sent out by email (Royal/Karen N.) Motion passed.

Open Issues

Website Administration - Royal Toy discussed the needs of a new website. We need to transition to an easier to use format where accurate information can be posted and found more quickly. There should be one point of contact (Royal) for consistency and completeness. Royal will investigate cost and features and submit a plan to the Executive Committee for approval.

Program Grant - The grant will be offered again. NCoGS President will send the RFP after the Executive Committee Planning Meeting in February.

New Business

A brief report about the Executive Committee discussion for a Strategic Plan for NCoGS was mentioned. Karen Taylor Mitchell, Celeste Archer, Erin Quinlan, and Jenneth Layaou volunteered to work on it.

We need to recruit other programs to participate in NCoGS, such as NC, SC, GA, TN, etc. Perhaps each of us should contact a school through alumni and/or staff.

It was suggested for NCoGS to become a member of the Foundation Center Directory. This allows access to organizations who grant money to national organizations. Although the membership is about \$200/month, it is unknown how many NCoGS members can access it through an NCoGS membership. Celeste Archer moved and Ted Tarkow seconded for someone to explore the costs and benefits of a membership, including how many programs can login an NCoGS account. This person will report back to Executive Committee in February for a possible member email vote. If information is available earlier, Executive Committee could act sooner. Motion passed. Celeste volunteered to gather and present needed information.

All NCoGS members may use the NCoGS logo. Sherry Keffer has digital copies.

It was suggested to develop an NCoGS database of all alumni of all programs to be used as a

resource for everyone. Discussion included the following concerns: it would be a burdensome task to develop and update, rules for use would have to be developed and monitored, some alumni may not care to be approached by other programs, etc. No action was taken.

Jeff Boyer and Ryan Niemann invited everyone to Fargo, ND, for NCoGS 2017 from October 12-14. Compasses pointing north to the northern-most Governor's School program were handed out.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Future NCoGS sites (tentative):

2017 - ND

2018 - CO/WY

2019 - MS

2020 - NJ

Respectfully submitted,
Lyle Rupert, Secretary