

Nevada FBLA-PBL, Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting

DATES: April 20, 2009
5:10 PM – 8:15 PM

PLACE: Grand Sierra Resort
Reno, NV

The following Trustees, constituting all of the initial Trustees named by the Incorporator and a majority of authorized number of Trustees (thereby establishing a quorum) of the Board, participated in the meeting:

Board of Trustees Members

- Ryan Underwood, Executive Director
- Melissa Scott, Nevada FBLA-PBL State Chair, Business and Marketing Consultant, Nevada Department of Education
- Elly Hanks, Board Chair
- Stacie Peterson, CTE Specialist, Washoe County School District
- Izack Tenorio, Nevada FBLA State President, State Officer Representative
- James Gronowski, System Administrator, Las Vegas Monorail -- 9:50 a.m.
- Jeanne Joyce, Elko County School District
- Jill Lambert, Adviser Representative, Board Secretary/Treasurer
- David Farahi, Director of Slots, Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno
- Tim Schneider, Chair Elect
- Dave Kern, Newmont

Guest(s) and Staff Members in Attendance

- Mike Oechsner, State Adviser

Board Members Not In Attendance

- Karen Hertberg, Past Chair

Ex-Officio Member Not in Attendance

- Phyllis Dryden, Director of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Nevada Department of Education

CALL TO ORDER

The Nevada FBLA-PBL, Inc. Board of Trustees was called to order by Board Chair Pro Tem, James Gronowski, at 5:10 p.m. Board Chair Elly Hanks assumed leadership at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Farahi moved and Tim Schneider seconded that the minutes of the January 16, 2009 Board of Trustees be approved as corrected. The motion was adopted unanimously.

STATE CHAIR REPORT

Discussion

State Chair Melissa Scott shared her update from the Department of Education. The primary challenge facing the department right now is the need to show progress and assessment leading to industry certification for terminal courses. The challenge is that there is no new funding available to develop these standards. Nevada is evaluating direction and waiting to see what other states are doing.

Melissa provided the following update:

- Federal funding - Carl Perkins Grant – 5 year plan
- Range of study for more CTE courses
- Leads to industry certification for Business/Marketing CTE courses
- Possibility of using the CTSO Testing Process as an end of course assessment
In classes such as Accounting and Intro to Business, FBLA tests could be used and for Marketing, DECA tests could be used.
- State Budget Crisis – All states are watching Washington, D.C. for stimulus funding
- Quite a few Nevada school districts are going to six period days, killing CTE programs. Marketing is being dismissed in Clark County in quite a few schools and this will eliminate DECA. Those DECA chapters will be looking at joining FBLA.
- \$4 Million in the CTE Bi-Annual Nevada State funding was cut the first round of cuts. However, \$4 million was put back into our budget by the Governor Gibbon's office.
- Nevada Legislature Bills to Watch:
Funding of Senate Bill 330 – To reorganize the Department of Education
Senate Bill 317 – Personal Finance – Required to be integrated into high school curriculum for every student.
- \$20,000 for each CTSO is available

STATE ADVISER UPDATE

Discussion

State Adviser, Mike Oechsner, shared the current status of the association in the following areas:

Membership: Current membership for Nevada FBLA is 1,000 plus members. This is the first year that Nevada has broken the 1,000 member mark!

Mike also updated the board on the following items:

- 5 New Chapters
- 2007-2008 - 891 members
- 2008-2009 Membership- First Time that Nevada FBLA has broken the 1,000 members mark!!
- 2004 – 119 attended the Fall Leadership Conference
- National Business Honor Roll – 3rd year available; Must have a 3.5 G.P.A.; Recipients will receive a lapel pin and ribbons for their name badge
- Erin Hackman Scholarship – 22 Applications; this is a record number of applications for this scholarship
- Eleven State Officer Candidates for this 2009 Nevada State Leadership Conference
- Tuesday- Full Day of competitions with a luncheon for the State officers and program overview

Judge's Round Table: This will be an opportunity for students to visit with event judges in order to receive feedback on the member's competitive presentation. This worked very well and the students as well as the advisors like the opportunity for feedback right away and from the judges.

Erin Hackman Scholarship: 22 Applicants, recipients will each receive \$100 towards expenses at NLC.

As was the case last year, we will hold a Business & Friends Reception on Monday, at 6:00 P.M. with the awards beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Mike also shared that Nevada FBLA is now on Twitter. To sign up, go to the 3rd floor and there are FBLA officers and alumni that will help you to sign up correctly and get you started on Twitter. This will be our way to communicate directly with members and advisers while we are here on site at the State Business Leadership Conference.

National Leadership Conference 2009 Update: Nevada FBLA will be coordinating charter bus service to Anaheim for the Las Vegas area schools only per their request. The pricing structure and travel package will be handed out at the end of the conference in our advisor's meeting.

State Officer Uniforms:

Starting with the 2009-10 State Officer Team, the association will purchase officer uniforms for the officers, rather than utilizing the reimbursement process. It has been an ongoing challenge for officers that have access to different stores in different parts of the state for uniforms to match.

Jeanne shared that she would highly prefer that all officer uniforms have the FBLA patch sewn on them. This will be done moving forward.

Future State Officer Program: The current state officer team proposed a Bylaw Amendment to change titles from classic roles to functional roles as discussed at previous meetings. The Bylaw Amendment will be voted on during this conference.

Ryan Underwood, Executive Director, shared that all Parli Pro training and use will remain a priority for our teams.

Jeanne Joyce stated that she has a fear that without a specific Parliamentarian that Parli Pro will disappear or that Nevada will not be eligible for the office of National Parliamentarian.

Decision:

Melissa moved and Jill Lambert seconded to provide up to \$2,200 in funding for the Erin Hackman Scholarships so that all eligible applications could be funded this year. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Direction:

Melissa Scott & Elly Hanks will review all applications and will not fund any that don't meet the standards.

PBL Update

Discussion

James Gronowski shared that the board is currently working on helping to get the PBL chapters in Nevada up and running so that the chapters can attend the leadership conferences and Nationals. Melissa and Jim have talked to UNLV who have nine members and are discussing a way to inform all UNLV freshmen about PBL.

Board member, Jeanne Joyce, informed the board that Great Basin has four PBL members. They will have a new advisor for next year out of the Finance Department.

STATE OFFICER REPORT

Discussion:

State President Izack Tenorio presented his update. The written document is attached.

Members like to meet and network with officers before the State program so they feel they know the officer team.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussion

The financial reports as of 3/31/09 were reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Noteworthy is that revenues currently far exceed expenses, as expenses related to the operation of the State Business Leadership Conference have not yet been incurred, though income is reflected on the current Profit & Loss Statement.

Decision

Tim Schneider moved and David Farahi seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

Discussion

All board members with one exception have current Professional Division Membership.

SPONSORSHIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Discussion

Board Chair Elly Hanks shared that we currently have eight sponsorships with a total commitment of \$2,450.00.

Nevada FBLA has applied for a \$2,500 Grant with the March of Dimes Mission LIFT. We do not find out until July, 2009.

Nevada FBLA looked into the NVEnergy Grant to assist with conference costs, but there cannot be tours or trips financed with this grant.

Elly asked that the Nevada Department of Education Career and Technical Education Dept. put a link on their website to the NV FBLA Sponsors? Also, can it link the CTE charts that show the positive CTE graduation and success rates?

Direction

Melissa: Nevada CTSO has no charts available to show the success of each CTSO and the positive statistics or facts for each one. We need to keep track of member GPA's for each chapter in order to form the same types of charts that the NV CTE has on CTE students. It is very positive and gives instant feedback when presented. The idea of the links on the website is a good one and we will look into this.

Approval of New Board Members:

Decision:

Jim Gronowski moved and Tim Schneider seconded to approve and welcome David Farahi and Dave Kern to the Board of Trustees. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Additional Discussion Items:

Tim Schneider shared that Microsoft Online can be a path for the board to meet.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for September 11, 2009, hosted at the Southern Region Office of the Nevada Department of Education. Those located in other areas of the state may join via Video Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

NEVADA FBLA-PBL, Inc.

Stacie Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer

6/10/09
Date