

NCSS Citizenship Community
Friday, November 13, 2009
9:00-10:00am
Omni Hotel Atlanta, GA – Hazelnut Room

MINUTES

Chair, Natalie Bolton, called the meeting to order, gave background information on the Community, welcomed community participants and asked individuals present to sign in and introduce themselves.

Community reviewed minutes from 2008 meeting, Cricket Kidwell approved and Janis Kyser seconded.

Announcements shared by participants.

Michelle Herczog shared that the Community Showcase will be held today, Friday, November 13, 2009 from 12:30-1:30 and tomorrow, Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 11:30-1:30 in the Level 3 Concourse of the GWCC.

Natalie Bolton announced the community strengthening session that will occur on Sunday, November 15, 2009 from 8-10am in GWCC A401.

Ted McConnell, from the Civic Mission of Schools, spoke about the goal of the Civic Mission of the Schools – to restore civic learning to its essential place in education – and announced a session in GWCC A305 at 2:30 today. Key highlights of presentation: Partnership with 21st Century Skills, support of common core standards.

Natalie Bolton submitted the goal of getting more states represented in the Citizenship Community.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

1. Chair, Natalie Bolton
 - a. Looking to the future:
 1. How can we use Web to help meet our purposes?
 2. How can we be a voice in Social Studies?
 3. How can we be a voice through our online environment?
 4. Possibility of using Facebook as a way to advocate and communicate with citizenship community members.
 5. Call for ideas for recruitment.
2. Vice Chair, Michelle Herczog
 - a. Civic Educator Leadership Award was developed, in coordination with NCSS
 1. Concerns: funding, selection
 2. Need to re-think our award; possibly could use citizenship criteria in a current

- award
- 3. Robert Leming asked the status of the award; Michelle clarified NCSS's recommendations to include it in an existing award program and that it is not a current award
- b. Showcase includes the model work and practices in various states
- c. Online communication is a concern
- 3. Communications, Malana Salyer – not in attendance;
 - a. Donna Shouse discussed efforts to get support from NCSS on the website. Donna reported that Malana Salyer has done a draft version of a website to be posted on NCSS site, but that it is not online.
- 4. Conference Committee, Co-Chairs, Michelle Herczog and Janis Kyser
 - a. Michelle Herczog discussed recruitment of presenters to support the Civic Mission of the Schools
 - b. Natalie Bolton suggested to add a logo for civics in the program (i.e., TAH grant logo)

Bylaws Review:

1. Bylaws reviewed and an error was called to attention (1.5.1: appointment of sub-committee chairs; 1.7.1: election of sub-committee chairs).
 - a. Natalie Bolton asked for a motion to amend 1.5.1 to say “election.”
 - b. Janis Kyser moved to keep the language of 1.7.1 and make 1.5.1 parallel to it. Glenn Manns seconded.
 - c. Natalie called for a vote and the motion was unanimously approved.
2. Janis voiced concerns with bylaw 1.4.3 concerning registration through NCSS website and difficulties of people joining the community. The concern was discussed and a motion was made to change the word “must” to “may” in 1.4.3. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Elections:

Elections held and officers include:

Chair – Michelle Herczog

Vice Chair – Jim David

Communication – Emma Thacker

Conference – none – Janis Kyser volunteered to help whoever takes the position (later, Donna Shouse volunteered to fill the position)

New Business:

1. Suggestion to write a letter of support of including social studies in common core standards. Natalie Bolton proposed that the Citizenship Community follow California's lead in advocating to CCSSO and NGA. Michelle Herczog discussed that California proposed a resolution to include social studies and Ted McConnell will provide sample letters to anyone who's interested.

2. New goals:
 - a. Robert Leming proposed the need to fix the Web presence and online communication
 - b. Ted McConnell noted that NCLB will be reauthorized in the next two years, proposed the Community helps promote NCSS's stance
 - c. Cricket Kidwell emphasized the need for the Community to write a letter in support of including social studies in common core standards
 - d. Michelle Herczog proposed to showcase best practices from around the country for next year
 - e. Need an organized advocacy plan for community members

Adjournment