

SDCAz Notes from Board Meeting

April 20, 2009

In Attendance: Kristen Metler-Armijo, Tamara Honvlez, Lisa Bush, Mori Kemper, Andrew Szczepaniak

Absent: Patty Horn, Beth Blong, Terri Polan

Proposed Constitutional Changes:

1. Voting elections be at the same time for all regional and officer positions
2. Method to fill vacant positions – president can appoint any active member to fill a vacant position, after making every effort to solicit interest from the membership. If more than one member is interested in filling the vacancy, the entire board will vote on the member to fill the position.
3. Method to remove board members – causes: any misconduct on the part of a board member that will interfere with the mission, goals, and strategic plan of the affiliate; any felony conviction; inactive member – failure to participate in committees, failure to attend a majority of board meetings, failure to support affiliate mission, goals, and strategic plan

Summer Leaders Conference: The affiliate will fund 2 board members to attend – Andrew Szczepaniak will check his calendar, Mori Kemper will ask for professional days from your district, send receipts for flight, conference registration and hotel to Lisa for reimbursement

Summer Retreat: Andrew and Mori will plan the summer retreat – Aug 28 – 29; Mori will look into using her brother's cabin in Prescott for the retreat;

Spring Meeting: Andi Furlis – very successful conference session- might do the June 8 from 4:30 – 7:00 – registration via website so we can plan the number who will attend – Mary Tierney (602-615-4916) and Kerry Carlisle and Dana Stiener as a possible back up for the

June 8 session if Andi is not available – possibly use Pendergast as a location if they do the session

Next Steps:

Tamara will follow up with Andi; Mori will contact Andi and ask Andi to set up the food, snacks only and flier for web site (480-677-5229)

If Andi is unavailable contact Mary Tierney

Eric Brooks from PDLA wants to be more involved and is very responsible –

Future of Affiliate: Board positions – this is Kristen and Tamara's last year as president and vice president – need to recruit and find additional, active members to step into those roles. Regional positions, etc rotate may preclude current board members from running for a position – was that a mistake. Should we consider revising the bylaws and the constitution. Tamara's load is so heavy next year. Mori finally has help and feels like she knows her role better, finished academy, can take on more for the affiliate and step into some additional responsibility. Kristen will serve as the past president for one year; Kristen will finish her 2nd year of her 2 year term. Tamara will resign her position at the end of the school fiscal year (June 30). We are considering moving the election of the regional reps so all officers are elected at the same time – which would allow any current member to run without vacating their position.

Proposed changes to the affiliate: reduce strategic plan to one priority, offer PD more frequently, smaller venues – capitalize on the budget cuts to out-of-state travel by offering different sessions more frequently under our priority of Developing School Leaders

Board meetings could be conducted in a variety of ways – including using Skype, face-to-face, phone conference, consider rotating meetings around the state to accommodate the needs of different board members

Webmaster@sdcaz.org – Glenn Trotter's email, Tamara will send pics from conference; Kristen will send updated member info from conference; Mori will put together a survey to gather the needs/wants of the membership

Constitution: next steps – Lisa will contact Patty for the most current constitution. Lisa will put proposed changes in a document and will communicate with the other board members via a Google Doc (if she can figure it out). Then she will convert it to a PDF, post it on the website for member review, notify the membership to review the document, develop the survey for the membership to vote on each change and compile and report the results of the vote to the membership and to the board.

Board Action: board has decided that we will reduce the number of priorities to one and it will be Developing School Leaders. Motion was made by Lisa, second by Mori. Motion was approved unanimously

Conference follow-up: Vendors are interested in a list of attendees; we will provide attendees only; at future conferences – we will send contact information prior to the conference

Presenters will be asked to provide materials to participants as requested

Kristen has always made personal contacts, sent out applications on the listserv, personal contacts are more successful, send to past presenters – needs to be done end of July – early Aug so we have sessions lined up for the conferences

Planning session for next conference – June 18 from 3:00 – 7:00 (Lisa will look for a location at DV or contact Maggi Westoff if not available or contact Andrew)

June 8 board meeting:

1. review survey results from membership,
2. review the Strategic priority of Develop School Leaders and consider other possible changes, look at the actual proposed

new changes – professional development, look at the strategic plan so it is ready for the summer leadership meeting.;

3. approve the annual report
4. review the annual budget report

Important Dates of Note:

1. June 8 – 4:30-7:00pm spring pd session; location TBD
2. June 18 – 3:00 -7:00pm Conference Planning session; DVUSD (tentative)
3. August 28-29 – noon Friday to 4 Saturday in Prescott