



Draft Board Meeting Minutes
3:00 – 5:00 pm, Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Welcome & Roll Call: Dale Chu, Erin, Kane, Pat Donovan and Nicole Wetzel joined in person. Tim Matlick, Chad Miller, Kim Sia and Arkan Haile joined via Zoom.

Alison Griffin and Casey McComsey were absent.

Dan Schaller, Teresa Tate, Mark Heffner and Peter Mason participated in person as staff.

Call to Order: Tim called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Nicole made a motion to approve the agenda. Erin seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Tim requested a motion to approve the minutes from June which was made by Nicole and seconded by Pat. The minutes were approved unanimously with Tim & Erin abstaining.

Rosemary joined the meeting at 3:06 pm.

Finance Committee Update:

Mark shared the FY21 preliminary final books. He noted there were several unplanned grants which drove the variance (increase) on revenue. Earned revenue also exceeded plan due to additional Title IX training & member dues. Expense variances were due to the new mid-year agreement with the c4. Mark shared that for the current fiscal year, revenue and expenses are both running behind due to timing, but nothing is of concern.

Mark shared that the Finance Committee discussed setting up Kim as the primary signer for the board with Tim as the backup; Dan as the primary signer for the League with Teresa as the backup. The goal was to have coverage if anyone is out of town or unavailable.

UMB Bank is joining the League as a vendor partner. They have a purchasing card offering with rebates which they are offering to members and to the League. Dale would sign the agreement as the League Board Secretary. We would issue one card at this time to Pete to use for Annual Conference costs. Mark would reconcile the charges and Dan would approve the payments. Pat made a motion to approve getting a pcard for the League. Nicole seconded. It was approved unanimously.

David Singer joined the meeting at 3:13 pm.

Stakeholder Committee Update:

David shared that Rosemary is filling Joyce's seat which has one remaining year on the term. She would then be eligible to be renewed for another term.

David & Dan have been in discussion with Karega Rausch, He is a DPS alum, a person of color, and currently leads NACSA. If he accepts, he would fill Andy's seat that was vacated in August. He is currently busy with strategic planning work for NACSA and therefore may not join until late fall. He is based out of Indianapolis and would have to participate virtually.

The board discussed the pros and cons of having a board member that isn't local. They agreed that they appreciated the national perspective, with a local connection.

Governmental Affairs Committee Update:

Dan shared that they haven't held a committee meeting yet this year. He also shared that the staff and lobbying firm are working on gearing up for the next session. They have been visiting schools to gain insight to prepare. They are also laying the groundwork for a defensive and offensive position for the next session.

On the defensive perspective, Dan shared about specific needs on the topic of special education. Nicole, Dale & Erin offered to join a working group to discuss new ideas on SPED policy.

Staff Report:

Dan shared that the team has been working on flushing out the organizational goals into individual goals and milestones.

Pete shared an overview of the upcoming Leadership Summit including the new format and theme.

Dan shared an update on where we are at with membership renewals. 60% have renewed to date = 160 schools. This is right in line with where we were at last year.

Discussion Items:

Dan shared the concept of adding a Member Council to provide additional advice to the staff and the board. It would be structured to represent a variety of regions and school types. Along with the member council concept, he also shared a revised board meeting and committee frequency to allow time for additional Member Council meetings.

Board members shared they were comfortable reducing the number of board meetings as long as special board meetings could be called in between as necessary. Members shared they felt the Member Council would give a purposeful structure to gain insight and voice from school leaders. They appreciated that it allows us to assure that all regions are represented which we cannot control with board elections. They felt this could also be a great pipeline for future board members.

Next steps will be to share the draft meeting dates with everyone for feedback before finalization. And, to begin outreach to potential candidates for the Member Council.

League / CLCS Action Alignment:

Greg Hatcher, Cole Wist, Polly Lawrence and (Rosemary Rodriguez, representing both boards) virtually joined the meeting on behalf of the CLCS Action Board. Chris Murray, the League's attorney, joined virtually. Lang Sias was absent.

All board members gave introductions and their reason for joining the c3 or c4 board. Dan shared an overview of how and why the c4 was created and clarified the current resolution which serves as the agreement between the c4 and c3. Dan shared an update on our preparation for the upcoming school board elections with many candidates coming out of the charter community this year.



Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for by Tim. Pat made the motion, it was seconded by Nicole. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the League board will tentatively be the Board Retreat on October 28th.