

SCSSA Meeting Minutes 11-6-10

Meeting held at Constitutional Rights Foundation, 601 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles. Attendees included Michelle Herczog, Joel Rothblatt, Michael Denman, Martha Infante, Damon Huss, Christian Lindke, and Peggy Thill.

Meeting opened at 9:15 a.m. by Michelle. Notes taken by Martha.

REVIEW NORMS FOR THE MEETINGS

Norms reviewed

SECRETARY'S REPORT: REVIEW OF MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 12, 2010 MEETING

Michael Denman offered a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Christian Lindke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasurers report available for review.

Ruben will soon resign as Treasurer

Jackie will succeed him as treasurer

SCSSA Reaffiliation Papers submitted to CCSS by Michelle with assistance from Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS

History Day L.A. Introductory Workshop held October 16 at the Autry National Center

- James did the training
- Michael shared best practices along Olivia McCauley, Mike Rhomberg
- Participants very excited

Merger with Los Coyotes

Feedback received and will be submitted to CCSS. Michelle will talk with Bob O'Connor to discuss possible name change.

CCSS Award Nominations

Michael Sabin has accepted nomination for CCSS Middle Level Teacher of the Year and is working with Michelle to submit a nomination packet

SCSSA will also be nominating Jackie Purdy for the CCSS Diane Brooks Award.

Film Series

James not available to provide a report

NCSS

- SCSSA Resolution to House of Delegates was removed to support efforts to create Common State Standards or Social Studies.
- Michelle and Ruth Luevanos will represent SCSSA at the NCSS House of Delegates meeting in Denver.

NEW BUSINESS

Review SCSSA Constitution and Bylaws

Damon dedicated time to reviewing and providing suggestions for updating the has some stylistic editing suggestions

A cursory review revealed a number of items necessitating change:

- Annual membership meeting – SCSSA has not held a yearly membership meeting for many years. Board discussion ensued about holding the meeting during the annual SCSSA Award Banquet.
- Constitution currently requires 20% membership to attend the annual membership meeting. Christian suggested we lower this number to 10% as an ambitious yet attainable goal.

Board members will review Constitution and Bylaws, and at next board meeting track changes, make a proposal for changes, and then invite input from membership with the intention of a final approval at the Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet in May 2011.

Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled to be held an hour before the Annual Awards Banquet in May.

SCSSA Newsletter/web

- Unable to meet with Amanda regarding newsletter.
- Officers list and other links not updated.

Innovative Circles

- Joel is presenting a workshop at the NCSS Conference regarding this theme.
- Joel will host one of these events.
- Christian will host one on April 9, 2011 as part of the Citizens-Not Spectators Conference
- Damon will explore possibility of hosting one at CRF on Feb 2011

History Day L.A. March 12, 2011 at APU

Michelle urged members to help recruit for judges.

Citizens – Not Spectators Conference, April 9, 2011

Christian reported that the event is still scheduled and will confirm the location soon.

Women and the West, May 14, 2011

Steve Aaron guest speaker

Organized with Gary Nash at the Autry

OTHER?

Annual Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Rights and the Constitution

January 6th 2011, 4-7pm at the Japanese American National Museum

Karen Korematsu, daughter of Fred Korematsu will be a speaker.

Peter Irons may also be involved.

SCSSA Banner

Christian submitted a motion that we purchase a new SCSSA banner. Damon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel will work on the order.

SCSSA Holiday Party

Michael Denman offered to host the party scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 pm. Party will be a pot luck gathering of families and friends with a White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$10 limit).

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.