



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Location: teams

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm (central time)

- I. NOSS conference planning update
 - a. Insurance Issue: Dan noted that we accidentally missed the deadline for the insurance coverage. This will impact the ability to host the conference at DMACC. Annette Cook is looking into our ability to pay late. Bea offered that we may be able to get two-day coverage through a contact she knows. Dan suggested we see what Annette learns and then reach out to Bea's contact if we need it.
 - b. Potential backup plans: If we cannot host at DMACC, Dan researched other potential locations in Des Moines, including the State Historical Society, Drake University, the Botanical Center.
 - c. Cost considerations. Other locations would cost a bit more, but some offer a discount to nonprofits.
 - d. 503(1)c If the conference were to receive nonprofit discounts, Dan noted that IOSS would need to file for this status, a process the organization has considered previously. Once the organization files, it is eligible to be considered as nonprofit status.
 - e. Speaker considerations: Dan informed the board that Emily Stutz responded positively that she would be still in the area. Also, Dan located two Drake professors who present workshops on AI, and they were also willing to consider presenting at the IOSS conference. Sue suggested the Drake profs could be the keynote followed by Stutz. Together, the board observed their cost would be similar to the previous year's cost.
- II. Newsletter contribution reminder: Dan suggested a list of resources to serve as a preview of the conference and asked board members to consider resources which membership may find useful. Dan and Bea will be participating in the McCabe virtual conference, and Sue suggested contributions related the conference.

- III. DEI statement options
 - a. Responding to a note from Sue regarding DEI in community college, Dan presented the following article to the board and invited discussion on a potential statement on behalf of the organization. Dan included the NOSS statement in reaction to similar events in Florida. Members noted any statement would need to be presented to the membership, and the organization may need consider potential reactions from outside the organization. The board members suggested this as a future consideration
Article on DEI in Iowa: <https://iowacapitaldispatch.com/2024/05/24/iowa-community-college-association-to-develop-dei-recommendations/>
 - b. NOSS Florida statement:
<https://thenoss.org/resources/Documents/NOSS%20Statement%20in%20Response%20to%20Recent%20Florida%20Higher%20Education%20Developments.pdf>
- IV. Scholarship update: Dan inquired if we had any applicants, and no one has applied. Dan suggested members seek out potential applicants.
- V. School book donation option: Sue offered McKinley elementary as a school for this year's donations. She offered to contact the principal, and the board agreed.
- VI. Treasurer update, Mike: No new business
- VII. Other business: no other business

Next meeting: **July 23, 2024 at 3:00**