

Minutes of the 64th Eastern Colleges Science Conference (ECSC) Board of Trustees Annual Meeting, April 24, 2010, Pace University, Pleasantville, NY

Officers

Chairman of the Board: Michael Kotarski (Niagara University)—Not in Attendance
President: Donald Stearns (Wagner College)
Vice President: Jay Pike (Providence College)
Treasurer: Lance Evans (Manhattan College)
Secretary: Kirk Bartholomew (Sacred Heart University)

Board Members (and Nominees) in Attendance

Nicanor Austriaco (Providence College)
Kirk Bartholomew (Sacred Heart University)
Suzanne Deschenes (Sacred Heart University)
Lance Evans (Manhattan College)
Zofia Gagnon (Marist College)
Carl Hoegler (Mount Saint Mary College—Nominee for Board Membership)
Barry Hoopengardner (Central Connecticut State University)
Martin Kapper (Central Connecticut State University)
Erica Kipp (Pace University)
Roy Mosher (Wagner College)
Helen Murphy (John Carroll University)
Laurence Nolan (Wagner College)
Brian Palestis (Wagner College)
Jay Pike (Providence College)
Cindy Scheibe (Ithaca College)
Richard Schlesinger (Pace University—Nominee for Board Membership)
Donald Stearns (Wagner College)
Walter Steiner (Niagara University)
Cyrilla Wideman (John Carroll University)

Others in Attendance

Sheila Chiffriller (Pace University)

Action Items and Discussion

1. Don Stearns called meeting to order in the absence of Mike Kotarski.
2. Jay Pike, representative to the incorporating body in Rhode Island, officially requested that ECSC-incorporation information that should come to attention of the board be presented and discussed during the meeting.
3. **Nominees for board membership approved by acclimation of the board (Carl Hoegler—Mount St. Mary College and Richard Schlesinger—Pace University)**
4. **Minutes of 2009 board meeting were approved.**
5. Erica Kipp reported on the 64th Annual ECSC at Pace University: 410 registrants, 220 presenters (160 poster and 60 platform presentations, 10 manuscripts), 17 institutions represented
6. Attendance judged typical for ECSC

7. Lance Evans stated that ECSC has ~\$10,000 in funds on hand (\$3,000 added from the 63rd Annual ECSC at Wagner College in spring, 2009).
8. Kirk Bartholomew presented proposal to hold the 65th Annual ECSC (spring, 2011) at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. **The proposal was accepted by the board pending receipt of an official letter (Note—official letter was later submitted and accepted).**
9. Proposal made to establish a “Grants for Attendance” program funded by ECSC funds
 - a. Publicize possibility of assistance
 - b. Grant not to exceed 40 percent of total cost of attendance
 - c. Itemized cost proposal to be submitted to the board chair
 - d. Officers of the board to serve as review committee for proposals and make funding decisions
 - e. Presentation by students required of all institutions receiving funding
 - f. **Motion to accept proposal and establish “Grants for Attendance” program made, seconded, and unanimously passed.**
10. Discussion of minimal components for an ECSC meeting, regardless of location
 - a. Proposal made that all ECSC meetings shall accept proposals for research presentations in any one of three forms: manuscript, platform presentation, poster presentation.
 - b. **Motion to accept proposal made, seconded, and unanimously passed.**
11. Revisiting of the definition and requirement for research acceptable for ECSC. Previously accepted data requirement restated as follows: The content of a full-length paper, platform talk or poster must have data that usually takes one of two forms: Discovery-based science in which the investigator is presenting novel, goal-directed findings; or hypothesis-driven science in which data are analyzed to test a hypothesis.
12. Meeting adjourned