

NEBRASKA COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION
Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

NCTE GENERAL MEETING

Friday May 31, 2019

The Cornhusker Marriott – Lincoln, NE

Present: HED – P. Adams; P. Barnes; P. Blundell; T. Cook; S. Evanich; S. Feinstein; T. Frey; E. Kunkel; P. Peal; L. Sankey; S. Skretta; P. Spethman

NASB –

NCAPE –

NCCA – P. Illich

NCSA – D. Bird; M. Lenihan; B. McCann; S. Smith; D. Wiseman

TSB – D. Freese;

NSEA – S. Brown; D. Casey; T. Coe; R. Hanson; D. Jankovich; S. Loney; F. Marymee;
D. Moss; S. Ptacek; C. Rice; M. Schlieder; S. Stake; M. Tebbe

NDE – B. Dirksen; D. Frison

Guests:

HED – A. Buschelman; D. Galusha; S. Holmes; J. Jansky; D. King; S. Tiedeman; K. Wheeler

NCAPE – V. Kauffold

NSEA – D. Garcia;

NDE – M. Beiermann; T. Coonts; P. Madsen;

OTHER – K. Muthersbaugh (NPPC)

Absent Without Alternate Replacement:

HED – E. DeHart; R. Ernst; K. Rempp

NASB - D. Blakely; J. Vlach

NCAPE – M. Ashton

NCSA – M. Adler; B. Habrock; C. Dumas; D. Ludwig; K. Mathews

TSB – E. Truemper

NSEA – M. Edquist, P. Ludeke

HED - Higher Education

NCCA-NE Community College Association

NASB-NE Association of School Boards

NCAPE-NE Council on American Private Education

NCSA-NE Council of School Administrators

TSB – Teachers State Board Appointed

NSEA - NE State Education Association

NDE – NE Dept. of Education

FIRST GENERAL SESSION – President Spethman presiding.

Declaration of Legal Meeting and Open Meetings Act: Stated by P. Spethman at 9:33 a.m.

Public Comments: D. Moss—Praised school administrators, teachers, and higher education, governance, and other bodies that collaborate with NCTE on educational issues for the good of students in the state.

Approval of March 8, 2019 General Session Meeting Minutes: Motion by D. Freese to approve the minutes; second by S. Brown. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

Report of April 25, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting – P. Spethman reviewed the minutes from the April 25, 2019 meeting.

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Recognition of NCTE Members' Service – P. Spethman; Certificates of appreciation were given to these retiring members of NCTE: S. Evanich, L. Forester, E. Kunkel, S. Feinstein, P. Blundell, B. McCann, K. Mathews, C. Dumas, D. Bird, D. Ludwig, F. Marymee, D. Moss, P. Madsen

Informational Items

- **Kelly Muthersbaugh, Clerk/Administrator, Nebraska Professional Practices Commission - 'Boundaries'** Explained The purpose of the NPPC was explained as well as the processes involved in teacher certification revocation/removal; presented a powerpoint emphasizing how/why a teacher certificate can be revoked or reinstated; included helpful resources available for use by school systems when dealing with teacher certification issues.
- **Don King, Chadron State College Education Department Chair – Year-Long Clinical Practice Pilot** Explained development of the Clinical Practice Pilot Program. This program involves a year-long professional practice experience leading to a teaching certificate. Interns entered schools with a substitute teaching certificate— were considered pre-service teachers; gained more on-the-job experience, and helped the schools as well. The interns had group discussions twice a week over a variety of educational topics such as classroom management issues, etc. Cooperating teachers liked this because it freed the regular teacher to pursue other tasks, resources, and projects. The 'interns' aren't student teaching the whole year (8 days a month with pay)—1st nine weeks were spent familiarizing themselves with school programs, serving as paras, doing tutoring experience, state assessments, riding the bus, etc. The 2nd quarter they were then placed with a cooperating teacher and taught classes. Third and fourth quarters allowed interns to gain more experience and knowledge of school operations and interaction with students. Proved to be very popular with administrators; many students were offered jobs since the interns were ready to teach when they were done with this program. This program was good for schools, too, because it allowed the school faculty to improve and do better work in the school systems as well. Faculty learned a lot about technology that was brought by the 'interns.' The ESU 13 is coming on as a partner in this. The program has been a great success, and would like to see it expanded in other higher education institutions. This program is currently for elementary, middle school, and special education programs; however, it will move into high school level as the program progresses. CSC now has 30 student teachers in the pipeline. CSC also offers the traditional semester student teaching experience as well.
- **Rule Status Reports** – B. Dirksen, NDE
 - Rule 20 - Regulations for the Approval of Teacher Education Programs** – Public Hearing held May 29; being updated to include dyslexia verbage; eliminating the demonstrating of basic skills competency requirement.
 - Rule 23 - Regulations for the Basic Skills Competency Testing of Teachers and Administrators** – Public Hearing held May 29; being routed with R20; basic skills competency requirements as a program entrance requirement is being eliminated, but will continue to be necessary for certification; Proposing the addition of ACT test to demonstrate basic skills competency; making CORE composite score to be more usable by resetting minimum scores one standard measurement of error below in meeting the CORE composite scores.
 - Rule 21 - Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Counsel, Supervise, and Administer in Nebraska Schools** –career education permits must have endorsements with them in proposed draft.
 - Rule 24 - Regulations for Certificate Endorsements** – cleaning up Superintendent endorsement language and the Skilled Technology endorsement language; Health Sciences and JAG endorsements are being added to Rule 24.
- **Program Approval Schedule** – P. Madsen, NDE

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Completed On-Site Visits:

- a. Bellevue University Annual Approval On-Site Visit – March 28, 2019; recommendation made to grant temporary approval
- b. Doane University State Approval On-Site Visit – April 14-16, 2019
- c. Concordia University State Approval On-Site Visit – April 28-30, 2019
- d. Wayne State Probationary CAEP On-Site Visit – May 19-20, 2019

CAEP Accreditation Status:

- a. York College obtained CAEP accreditation

Folio Review Schedule:

- a. Chadron State College Folio Review – July 16, 2019
Volunteer sign-up sheets will be passed around at Standing Committee Meetings for Chadron State Folio Review
- b. Nebraska Wesleyan University Folio Review – Fall, 2019

On-Site Visit Schedule:

- a. Union College On-Site Visit – October 20-22, 2019
- b. Chadron State On-Site Visit – April 19-21, 2020
- c. Nebraska Wesleyan University - Fall, 2020 (Tentatively)

The State Program Approval Manual needs to be revised

- **Legislative Update** – B. Halstead, NDE – did not attend—no legislative update given

Discussion Items

- **Status of Rule 24 Endorsements in Review Process** –P. Madsen, NDE
 - a. Science Ad Hoc Committee met February 27; all Science endorsements will be introduced to the Executive Committee at their August meeting.
 - b. Elementary Education Ad Hoc Committee Nominations –
Volunteer sign-up sheets will be passed around at Standing Committee Meetings for Elementary Education Ad Hoc Committee; date yet to be determined
- **Endorsement for First and Second Hearing:**
 - a. Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Special Services Endorsement (B-21) – Teresa Coontz, Director of Autism and Low Incidence Disabilities, NDE Office of Special Education;
Coontz reviewed the history behind this endorsement and the extreme need for this endorsement. People with this endorsement will help students navigate within school buildings as well as in the community.
- **First Year and Third Year Employer and Teacher Surveys Report** – P. Madsen, NDE; great return rate and response rate with the surveys this year
- **ETS changing CORE academic fields test in mathematics**—P. Madsen; will have different numbers on tests, but NDE will still accept both numbered tests. Are also affiliating with KHAN academy to help improve areas of weakness.

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- **Principal and Superintendent Tests** - ELOS have new numbers as well; will accept both tests this year.

Old and New Business – P. Spethman

- **Nomination and Election of President-Elect**; Motion by P. Spethman and seconded by D. Moss to nominate Mark Lenihan as President-Elect; Roll call vote taken and motion approved.

Announcements and Standing Committee Agenda Review – P. Spethman; need to discuss the impacts of presentations from morning session; morning session closed at 11:45 a.m.

Lunch – 11:50 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.

Working Lunch: Table discussions on NCTE Member Orientation, especially for new council members. What do new members need to know before their first NCTE meeting? What do veteran members need for review?

Dr. Matt Blomstedt, NDE Commissioner – Thanked Pat Madsen for service to NDE; expressed gratitude to all retirees for their commitment to NCTE and to education. NCTE is important to future of education, and NCTE is an important cog in education development; Dr. Blomstedt expressed his appreciation for all the work NCTE members are doing; the basic skills issue is being reviewed—want to give teachers an avenue for success.

Standing Committee Meetings convened at 12:39 p.m.

Committee 'A' – Olive Branch Room

Committee 'B' – Arbor Room

Committee 'C' – Hawthorne Room

SECOND GENERAL SESSION – P. Spethman reconvened the second general session at 1:46 p.m.

Standing Committee Reports:

Committee 'A' – D. Casey; Discussions included:

- a. Election of officers: Chair-Lorinda Sankey; Vice-Chair-Mark Adler; Secretary-Travis Coe;
- b. Mentoring new members is good; discussed various methods of supporting new members. Experienced members need to review Organizational Policies, and other ideas to support membership in general were discussed.
- c. NPPC presentation was positively received; CSC Year-Long Clinical Practice was enthusiastically received. Use of technology resources in education is a positive step for educators in general.

Committee 'B' – S. Smith; Discussions included:

- a. Recommend the OSM endorsement be moved forward.
- b. New membership orientation ideas were discussed.
- c. NPPC presentation was a good presentation. CSC Year-Long Practice was positively received.

Committee 'C' – M. Lenihan; Discussions included: Secretary position filled by Michelle Tebbe for 2019-2020.

- a. OSM endorsement is definitely needed.
- b. New member orientation discussed; collegiality of the organization is necessary—building relationships is good. Perhaps doing a retreat for members would be good.
- c. NPPC presentation had excellent material/resources. The CSC program had lots of positive feedback; it could be seen as an all-encompassing program—more professional.

P. Spethman: Is a need to get meeting minutes out earlier to committee chairs/membership for review.

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Full Council Action and/or Discussion Related to Standing Committee Reports (Roll Call Votes)

- Proposed Orientation and Mobility Special Services Endorsement – Standing Committee ‘B’ made a motion to approve this endorsement as a Final Hearing; roll call vote taken; motion approved
- NCTE State Program Approval recommendation for York College, Doane University, and Concordia University to be sent to the Commissioner for approval by the State Board; motion by P. Spethman; seconded by D. Freese; roll call vote taken; motion approved
- Transfer of NCTE Presidency – P. Spethman introduced the new president, Diana Casey; D. Casey awarded plaque to P. Spethman in appreciation for work done as president of NCTE.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.