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## **Nevada DECA, Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting**

**DATES:** May 14, 2015 Minutes  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Nevada DOE Building  
Las Vegas, NV

### **Board of Trustees Members in Attendance**

- Brock Taylor, DECA Advisor at Del Sol High School and Board of Advisors Representative
- Snehal Bhakta, DECA Advisor at West CTA and Board of Advisors Representative
- Melissa Scott, M.A., Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education (ex-officio)
- Cindy Kim, Nevada DECA State Officer
- Yu He, Nevada DECA State Officer
- Curtis Haley, Nevada DECA State Director (proxy for Brycen Woodley, J.D., Nevada DECA Executive Director)
- Bonito Sahagun, Creative Collaborations
- Alan Fulks, Retired

### **Board of Trustees Not in Attendance**

- Ryan Underwood, Senior Director (non-voting)
- Mike Raponi, Director of Career, Technical, and Adult Education for the Nevada Department of Education (ex-officio, non-voting)
- Nicole Mastrangelo, US Green Building Council - Nevada
- Anthony McTaggart, Andson Foundation
- Katherine DeSimone, Clark County School District

### **Guests in Attendance**

- Jamie Hillen, UNLV Collegiate DECA

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Nevada DECA, Inc. Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Brock Taylor at 2:09pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

It was moved by Melissa Scott and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting with changes submitted by Melissa Scott. The motion passed unanimously.



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### **BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS**

Before the Board elections, Snehal proposed adding a designated administration position to the Board, which would require a bylaw change. He also suggested adding a Northern Nevada advisor representative to the Board, as well as potentially adding a Collegiate DECA position. The Board discussed always having a video call available to allow anyone from Nevada DECA to be able to attend the meetings and have their voices heard.

The Board agreed to have a longer working meeting during the summer to review the bylaws and set a strategic vision for the organization at that time.

Melissa Scott moved and it was seconded to approve the nominations of Yu He, Cindy Kim, Brock Taylor, Nicole Mastrangelo, Anthony McTaggart, and Katherine DeSimone. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Melissa presented the Chapter Support Committee update. The committee haven't yet met, but they plan to review the Advisor of the Year guidelines before the end of the year to present recommendations for next year. She shared that the new Student of the Year guidelines were successful and will hopefully have more participation next year.

Snehal presented the update for the External Communications Committee. He was disappointed with the progress that the committee made this year, and suggested some changes to help get more support from Nevada DECA in the business community using the State Officers to drive the process. Bonito and Snehal said that she would look into local companies who could help Nevada DECA in the grant writing process. Curtis shared that the ideal way to involve the State Officers would be for the Board members to find the opportunities and then for the management team to find a State Officer to fill that role.

The Nominating Committee had no updates, but will follow up on the conversations from the Board Meeting to determine prospective new Board Members before the end of the fiscal year.

Brock shared the Competitive Events Committee update. He shared the importance of having someone locally who can help the advisors to prepare for competitive events, as well as someone who could potentially help Tina Fulks run written events at SCDC now that they're getting so big. Both of these were informed by feedback from advisors. Curtis will share more about competitive events processes at the Advisor Meeting. Brock suggested convening a panel of advisors and students who can help move competitors



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forward. Brock will continue formulating his plan before the June Board Call and will present it to the Board then.

### **STATE OFFICER TEAM UPDATE**

Cindy and Yu presented the State Officer Team update. The team shared their lessons at the Orientation Meeting, including leadership styles and developing their team's Program of Work. The team also shared their lessons they learned from the EMPOWER Academy at ICDC, as well as the work they did at that conference to shoot photos and videos of the conference that can be used in promotional materials. The team will work this year to increase their presence in videos, as well as regularly updating the banner on the Nevada DECA website.

### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATE**

The Governor's budget for this legislative session included a lot of funding for education, including more financial support for CTSOs at the school district level. The budget is weaving through the Legislature and is being discussed this week in Carson City. If approved as written, the amount of money dedicated to CTE at the school district level would roughly double. Two other bills being watched deal with computer science and financial literacy requirements in classrooms.

### **COLLEGIATE DECA UPDATE**

Jamie Hillen shared some of the great experiences the UNLV DECA chapter had at Collegiate DECA ICDC. Of their ten competitors, two people won Top Three trophies, and the chapter won several chapter awards at the conference in recognition of their efforts. 1600 community service hours were logged this year, and the first graduating seniors from UNLV DECA were celebrated this year. Four or five chapters were involved with UNLV fundraisers throughout the year. The faculty advisor, Dr. McLean, will be retiring this year, and a new faculty advisor is being sought. CSN is working to create a Collegiate DECA chapter this year, and UNLV is working with them to get it started.

### **STATE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Curtis shared the Management Dashboard summarizing Nevada DECA's performance during the year. Membership is up by over 100, and record attendance was seen at several conferences during the year. In addition, Nevada DECA's members saw excellence on several fronts, including in competition and leadership development opportunities at ICDC.



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#### **BUDGET REVIEW**

The Board reviewed the projected 2015-16 budget for the organization. During review, they suggested some changes to be added to the final budget which will be approved during the year-end Board call in June, including adding funding for the State Director to attend a Board retreat during the summer; to support an advisor attending the 2016 Emerging Leader Summit; and to improve production quality of SCDC general sessions. Other changes can be submitted from the committees prior to the year-end Board call if necessary.

#### **FOUNDATION UPDATE**

Curtis shared that the management team's research into setting up a foundation for Nevada DECA has been going well, and that they anticipate being able to share founding documents with the Board before the end of the fiscal year. The Board inquired about who would serve on the Foundation governing body, and Curtis shared that initially the officers from the Board of Trustees would serve in these roles on the foundation.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the balance sheet, profit and loss and budget-to-actual as of April 30 when the accounts were last reconciled. Final financial reports will be reviewed in September. Current items are a moving target and constantly change.

Bonito moved and it was seconded to approve the financials as is. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Brock and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.