



OTA Board Meeting
May 14, 2020
1:00 - 2:00 PM
Zoom

Agenda

Call to Order: 1:03 P.M.

Roll Call

- Present: President-Michelle Benoit, Past-President-Roseann Rivera, President-elect-Christine Riehl, Secretary-Becky Attaway, Treasurer-Matt Bisek, Alumni Partner-Chris Mahan, Government Relations-Freddy Gompf, Technology Rep-Matt Bisek, District 1 Rep-Meredith Payton, District 2 Rep- Janet Basney, District 3 Rep-General Johnson, District 4 Rep-Emily Price, District 5 Rep-Ariel Suel Zimmer
- Absent:

Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2020

- Motion made by: Christine Riehl
- Motion seconded by: Janet Basney

Approval of Agenda:

- Motion made by: Emily Price
- Motion approved by: Freddy Gompf

Board Reports

President - Michelle Benoit

- OTA Annual Membership Meeting will be May 28, 1-2pm on Zoom. Invitation will go out today or tomorrow. WSTA is holding another batch of roundtable discussions next week. Anyone is free to join. Most have separate Directors sessions and staff sessions. They will also host a pre-grant writing workshops with Lucy Jones the week of May 26th and have invited other NAEOP states to partner. There will be three options for times. Waiting for the schedule from Kesia. I don't believe there will be a cost for NAEOP members.
- Updates from yesterday's CDL from COE: they received verbal confirmation that ED will use your 2018-19 numbers to determine "substantial progress" for programs this

year. They are meeting with the Dept. on Monday, May 18 and hope to have some answers to the questions TRIO programs asked back in March. As of now they do not recommend asking your Program Specialist for permission or clarity. Scoring is complete for SSS proposals. Contractors are tabulating PE points. Allowable costs: computing devices and masks are both allowable supplies.

- NAEOP - The conference planning committee is preparing to offer a hybrid version of the conference if travel is allowed and will go all virtual if travel is not allowed. They are looking for more volunteers for the conference. Contact Angela Archer if interested. Call for Proposals will be coming out soon. NAEOP will offer a pre-grant writing workshop for TS with Amy Verlanic the first week of June. This will be free to NAEOP members and focuses on data collection, legs & regs, new vocabulary related to COVID-19, etc. They are planning two additional workshops which will likely have a fee. ELI applications will be released at the end of May. Peer Review is looking at doing virtual reviews as there is currently a backlog.

Past-President - Roseann Rivera

- Care Acts Funds-Advocate on your campuses and understand how this looks/affects students on your campus. (Rogue Community College not on list)
- Work Study Awards-Dept of Education will add in language regarding change for Summer-Fall. Work study will have to either work on campus or virtually to receive work-study pay.

President-elect - Christine Riehl

- Sent out COE emails-\$300 off membership

Secretary - Becky Attaway

- Any suggestions to engage students on zoom? It has died off for other programs across the board.

Treasurer - Matt Bisek

- Balances as of 5/14
- Operating Fund Balance: \$37,145.18
- Scholarship Balance: \$5,858.62
- US Bank Total: \$45,017.94
- Membership Total: 38/44 processed
- Outstanding Scholarship Checks

Alumni Partner - Chris Mahan

- TRIOalumni.org
- Communicate with students exiting programs and direct them to TRIOalumin.org.

Government Relations - Freddy Gompf

- The House is likely to vote on its next COVID-19 bill, the HEROES Act, as early as this Friday, May 15.
 - Tightens TRIO waiver authority from the CARES Act, ensures institutions can't repurpose TRIO funds for other purposes. This fix was a result of your advocacy at Policy Seminar.
 - More than 100 Representatives signed onto a letter supporting emergency aid for TRIO students in the next COVID-19 stimulus bill.
 - The HEROES Act does not include new funding directly for TRIO. However, it does include \$100 billion for K-12 and higher education, \$5 billion for connectivity to address the homework gap facing low-income students, and \$8.8 billion for helping families afford the internet.
 - This bill will not become law as written. The U.S. Senate has not yet introduced its next COVID-19 bill.
- Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Susan Collins (R-ME), and Jon Tester (D-MT) in signed letter to the Congressional Leadership in support of emergency aid to support TRIO students in the next COVID-19 recovery bill.

Technology Rep - Matt Bisek

- Updated Alumni page on site to remove policy seminar information for this year.

District 1 Rep - Meredith Payton

- Connected with TRIO staff in District 1 to assess any interest in serving as a district rep.

District 2 Rep - Janet Basney

- 30+ furloughs

District 3 Rep - General Johnson

- Major Budget cuts and Layoffs.
- PCC will continue with Remote Operations into Fall Term.
 - Currently under a "hiring freeze" through Fall Term.
 - No Travel for any Faculty/Staff extended through Fall Term
 - No spending over \$100 without Dean Approval [including TRIO]
 - CARES Act Disbursement to students \$1500 - \$3000 per student.
 - Disbursement is regulated through Dean's of Students

District 4 Rep - Emily Price

District 4 board report:

- I attended my first board meeting (April)
- Sent email out to my district introducing myself

- Attended my first District Town Hall strategic plan goal meeting - it was fun and informative
- Sent out an ask for my district to donate to OTA scholarship fund
- Attending weekly work Zoom meetings to stay informed, share ideas, & support
- Attended the ETS/EOC meeting

Doing my best to learn, remember I am flexible, change is okay, and we are all doing our best - stay positive, be positive! Please let me know if there are specific items I should include in my report. I searched around for an example, but didn't see one.

District 5 Rep - Ariel Zimmer-Suel

- Attended District Rep meeting to discuss solidifying the role of district reps.
- Will follow Meredith's lead to reach out to WOU TRIO and CCC TRIO staff for late fall replacement
- WOU furloughs - all unclassified down to .8 through July 31. Classified staff are in the same position. Some WOU staff on extended LWOP. We will receive Work Share unemployment benefits.
- Sending out all TRIO grads, graduation cords, cards and a TRIO logo blanket
- Honoring our TRIO grads via photo highlight with quotes Instagram page

Committee Reports

Professional Development Conference

- Want to start meeting during the summer months. Any volunteers on the board interested in serving on the PDC committee?
- The current plan is to still be at Salishan and run a conference similar to what we were going to do this year. The workload for the committee should be light for the 2021 conference - thus a great time to get in and get some experience.

Student Leadership Conference

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Awards Committee

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Nominations Committee

- Get elections going before Summer.
- District 1, 3,5 and Treasurer up for election.

Unfinished Business

Strategic Plan Committee Reports

OTA Fellowship

- Questions or comments on the supplemental questions created by Matt and Erik? (below)
- Once we are set on these, Matt will contact Corey with NAEOP and determine if we can implement these into the current application (usually due by December 30th each year) or if we need to create something on the OTA website.
- Once that step is determined we will start advertising the OTA fellowship in the summer and fall to make sure awareness is raised about this new opportunity.

Current Essay prompt for Policy application:

Please note that as part of the application process, the applicant will be required to submit the following:

1. How participation in TRIO program(s) impacted your educational and professional achievement.
2. Why you would like to attend this year's COE Policy Seminar?

Additional Questions OTA is looking to add:

1. Are you comfortable speaking to elected officials about your experiences in TRIO? **Y/N**
2. Are you comfortable in public speaking situations? **Y/N**
3. What experience do you have in doing outreach to the community?
4. The OTA Board has a monthly conference call during daytime business hours; do you believe you could attend as a board member? **Y/N**
5. Do you have any work or personal commitments that would prevent you from attending a week-long policy seminar in Washington D.C. in March (list date)? **Y/N**
6. Do you have any work or personal commitments that would prevent you from attending a professional development conference in Oregon in April (list date)? **Y/N**
7. What were the most important aspects of participating in TRIO for you as a student?
8. What were the most important aspects of participating in TRIO for you as a person?
9. If you had the opportunity to communicate to people about why they should participate in TRIO, what would you tell them?
10. Did you have any negative experiences from your time in TRIO?
11. Are there any objectives or goals related to TRIO Alumni that you would like to implement if you are offered this position?

District Town Halls

- Been good avenue for communication.
- Continue developing language in bi-laws around clarification in duties and expectations.

Strategic Partnerships

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New Business

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Meeting Adjourned: 2:09 P.M.