

**NNER Executive Board Meeting
Seattle, WA – Silver Cloud Hotel
July 24, 2013 (12:30-4:30 PM)**

Present: Deb Shanley, Nick Michelli, Jean Eagle, Lemuel Watson, Leslie Wilson, Dennis Potthoff, Greg Bernhardt (NNER Co-Director), Ann Foster (NNER Co-Director)

Absent: Audrey Allen (on Democracy Walk!)

Online Guest Participant: Jennie Rakestraw

Agenda

1. 2013 Journal Update – Jennie Rakestraw

- 16 articles submitted – 12 were accepted for publication
 - Final Proofs are due back from the authors by the end of July
 - One of the 12 manuscripts has an IRB issue – working to be resolved immediately
 - Peer Review -- Two reviewers for all articles submitted
- Proofed Manuscripts will be sent to the printer by the end of July
- Schedule is to have hard copies available for shipping/dissemination by October 1, 2013
- The EB recommended printing 400 hard copies

2. Summer Symposium Update – Debrief

- So far, so good in terms of the overall engagement level in the Seattle setting
 - Discussion of excessive sidebar conversation amongst participants and facilitators— need to work on re-teaching the key norms for the seminar
- This year's group is large and also seems to be more diverse than past years
- About 35% completed all of the required online work before coming to Seattle; approximately 80% entered the setting and did some portion of the required work.
 - Is this level of participation acceptable? Do we wish to consider strategies for improving the overall completion rate and rate of interaction
- Discussion of alternative strategies for “packaging” the readings packet in future years
 - Consider online dissemination of materials –and/or with hard copies
 - Consider providing a table of contents with the readings lists/readings
 - Consider providing a prioritized reading list – “must reads” and “optional reads?”
- We will await and thoughtfully review the feedback received from this year's symposium participants before making any changes to the Summer Symposium curriculum or format.

3. 2013 Budget Update

- The 2013 outstanding dues (\$93,000), reported as a liability, are actually dues for 2014 – will be coming by the end of the year
- The 2012 NNER Annual Conference turned a profit of \$15,066

- Request for clarification regarding the \$3,213 expense “lodging for the Executive Board” from the 2012 Annual Conference Income and Expenses Summary Sheet. Dennis will follow up on this issue
- 53% of the 2013 budget has been expended as of July 15, 2013.

4. 2013 Fall Conference Update – New Mexico (October 10-12)

- The first round of presentation proposals acceptance letters have been disseminated
- The Conference Website is available and informative
- The deadline to apply for the reduced hotel rate is the end of July, 2013
 - Given the balloon festival, it is essential that individuals attending the book hotel rooms by September 9, 2013
- Conference Early Registration ends September 1, 2013

5. 2012 NNER Journal Update – Deb Shanley

- The 2012 edition is already available online
- The hard copies are being printed /to be disseminated very soon

6. Clark and Michelli Awards

- Two applications for the Clark Award were accepted
 - The Executive Board (Wilson, Watson) unanimously agreed to award the Clark Award to the Winthrop University Partnership.
- Zero nominations for the Michelli Award were received. This award will not be given in 2013.

7. Membership Update

- **Ohio University/Partnership**
 - Ohio University has made formal application to the NNER; this is the first associate member to seek full membership status
 - The Executive Board (Michelli, Wilson) unanimously voted to recommend that the NNER Governing Council approve the Ohio University/Partner Schools proposal for full membership
- Other Possibilities
 - No other proposals for membership has been received to date
 - Executive Board members have been encouraged to establish contact with current settings and with individuals in potential settings.

8. Groundspark Project Update – UCONN and Wyoming Partnerships

- NNER mini-grants were awarded to UCONN (\$3,000 in NNER funds plus additional Groundspark resources) and to the Wyoming (\$3,000) Partnerships

9. Funding Support for Local Initiatives -- UNM (2012) Update

- UNM Update (2012). UNM requested extension in timeline for expenditure of funds awarded in 2012; one key project event will happen in the coming month. Request for an extension was approved.
- 2013 Proposals – Motion to Approve the following mini-grant proposals (Michelli, Eagle)
Approved Unanimously
 - SETTING RENEWAL GRANT from--UTEP -- Native American-focused symposium (\$4,000)
 - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT --University of Missouri-Columbia --NNER Regional Event (\$4,454.55). Given the participation of four current settings, plus several additional institutions of higher education who are not currently NNER members, the Executive Board approved allocating additional funds to support this initiative if additional costs are incurred.

10. Education for Sustainability – Sustainable Development Efforts—Victor Nolet

- Education for Sustainability in Education – proposed name for a “new” organization is the United States Teacher Education for Sustainable Development (USTESD)
 - Five Big Ideas Are Guiding this Work
 - Interconnectedness
 - Positive Future Orientation – establishing goals and believing in a good future
 - Personal and Collective Engagement
 - Fairness and Equity are Key Constructs
 - Resilience – Personal, Community, and Global levels
 - How do we create resilience? How do we encourage/teach/model resilience?
 - This new organization does not “formally exist” at this point in time
 - There is a group of individuals who are engaged and committed
 - Creating a formal organization can broaden participation
 - NNER Collaboration with USTESD
 - The NNER is emerging as a potential anchor member in a new organization
 - Several NNER – affiliated individuals (4-6) have been engaged in a multiple number of conference calls and meetings
 - Key overlaps with the NNER Agenda include
 - Links to NCATE/CAEP conceptual framework?
 - Links to Democracy – Enculturation – Educational Foundations
 - Links to SPA/Content Standards
 - Links to K-12 Common Core Standards

- Would the NNER consider serving as the umbrella organization for the USTESD?
- Proposed Upcoming Events for the USTESD
 - Planning to sponsor, through James Madison University, a national research summit in the Fall 2015
 - Planning a first national face-to-face meeting in Indianapolis in Fall 2014
 - Meeting will be co-sponsored by several organizations (List)
 - AACTE, Kappa Delta Pi, who else?
 - Working on a White Paper that will be co-published by several organizations (is the NNER interested in co-sponsoring this work?)
- Possible Actions Steps for the NNER to take
 - Review core NNER documents to identify historical connections of the Agenda to Sustainability
 - Review NNER Mission/Vision statement for possible connections
 - Identify key connections to sustainability within K-12 curriculum standards

11. Hosting of the NNER by Wright State University – Update

- Copies of MOU – signed May 14, 2013 – were distributed
- The “place/space” has been created and equipped
- NNER artifacts will be shipped to Wright State from the University of Washington and stored appropriately
- Reminder to all – The NNER remains a national network. The NNER is NOT located at Wright State.

12. 2014 Fall Conference Update – South Carolina or other?

- Lemuel will return to South Carolina to further develop hosting possibilities—will this be the host site for 2014?
- Key connections will be made with key personnel from recent host settings

13. 2014 (December) Executive Board Meeting

- December 5-8, 2013 is the target meeting date (meet on December 6 -7)
- Location – South Carolina (specific location TBD)

14. 2015 NNER Annual Conference

- We need to brainstorm possible settings – Missouri?

15. 2013 Directory of Settings

- A revised directory, based on data gathered in 2013, will be electronically disseminated ASAP

16. Leadership Election at the Fall Conference – Selection of the Next Governing Council Chairperson

- Chairperson Shanley's term as Chair will be ending in Fall 2013
 - Governing Council Members will be encouraged to consider applying to serve in this role
- This is the only election that will be necessary; the terms for the three tripartite chairs and the two at-large members will all continue

17. Succession Planning

- The executive board discussed the relative balance of leadership within the NNER structure
- The goal of achieving a leadership balance across the tripartite groups was reaffirmed.
- Strategies for creating a better balance of education faculty, arts and sciences faculty, and P-12-based faculty will be explored.

18. Tripartite Council Meeting Agenda Planning for Fall 2013 Meeting

- Possible Agenda Item
 - Discussion of Leadership Development / Succession Planning within the tripartite organization
- Remainder of Agenda TBD

19. Board Conflict of Interest Form

- All members of the NNER Executive Board signed the Conflict of Interest form

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM