Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2017

9:30-9:50am

Present: Rachel, Dean, Ryan, Ellen, Susanne, Ann, Elaine, Wendy, Mikki, Ashley, Carrie, Nir, Jill

Absent: Elinor, Allison, Barbara

1. Vote to approve May 2017 and Retreat 2017 minutes:

* Retreat: Ellen moved and Elaine second. Everyone yes. Minutes approved
* May 2017 meeting: Ellen moved and Elaine second. Everyone yes. Minutes approved

1. Welcomed Ryan Ochoa, Hartford Region Rep. with board introductions. Ryan was appointed as a 1-year replacement for Jeff Asmar, who stepped down this year.
2. Agreed to stop using current CSPP podium sign. Will get a new style
3. Dean: Continued discussion regarding times of Board Meetings. Revisited the possibility of not having them immediately before the conferences on Saturdays.

Pros: (1) Save money on room and coffee; (2) may get more done in terms of agenda

Cons: (1) May discourage board members from coming to conferences; (2) will required that we add 4 more weekend days a year to meet; (3) it is reassuring for Ellen to have a group of people here early to help with the set-up

Some thoughts expressed:

* Perhaps we can have meetings after the conference, at a location TBD
* Start conferences at 9-11:30. Would cut down lunch and then meeting after. How sustainable is the lunch?
* Trouble switching from content of conference to board meeting

As planned, there was no resolution on this issue – will continue discussion at future meetings.

1. Next Board meeting: December 2nd, 2017
2. Motion to adjourn: Mikki; – 2nd, Dean. All approved