

MINUTES

Wyoming Association of SkillsUSA Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 13, 2023, 330pm-5pm: LCCC (during WACTE)

In Attendance (in-person or zoom): Rob Hill, Joe Feiler, Paul Brutsman, Lucas Dow, Jason Eggemeyer, Lyle Harmon, Brent Heusinkveld, Joseph Martinez, Craig Rood, Bruce Thoren, Todd Warner, Jeff Stone (10 voting members)

Board Terms: August 2025 – Pollo, Warner; August 2023 – Hill, Dow, Feiler, Heusinkveld; January 2024 – Joyce, Martinez, Thoren; August 2024 – Eggemeyer/Brutsman, Harmon; February 2025 Crank; June 2025 Rood

Call to Order (Hill), Motion to approve the minutes of 10/2022 as written (Thoren), Seconded (Eggemeyer), all in favor, approved.

Treasurer's Report (Feiler and Wilcox) Monthly finances and YTD distributed to board members. Summarized alumni presence and Jeff Stone's attendance at the WYCC golf tournament on behalf of the board. Discussed outstanding SLSC and NLSC invoices as they relate to expenses. Reminders to the board that our budget can fluctuate based on contributions rec'd and this year in no exception. Discussed State Director bonus structure. A list of sponsorships from May of 2022 to May of 2023 will be reviewed in the coming weeks in calculating Wilcox's bonus to be paid in July or August.

Board term in August and January and recommendations – Rob Hill

For August - Lucas Dow agreed to an additional 3-year term, Joe Feiler agreed to an additional 3 years as treasurer (non-voting), and Brent Heusinkveld requested to step away for now. Brent brings a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding SkillsUSA to the board of directors, but recognizes retirement is an enjoyable priority now. Brent noted that he has spoke extensively with Travis Grubb of Gillette College about stepping into his role and that Travis was agreeable. The board discussed at length, the need for more B & I on the board, more statewide coverage, and those mentioned in our short list (see previous minutes). Eggemeyer suggests adding 3 more people if we could. All agreed. Warner added it is a smart idea to continue to diversify the board. At future meeting we will discuss expanding the board based on the positive conversations surrounding our short list of Business and Industry Partners (Blake Parks-AirGas, Cody Hermann-Liebherr). Those present, agreed to extend the invite to **Travis Grubb in the next 48 hours and if accepted, put out an email to the board for virtual vote with a set deadline to respond.

Rob Hill also agreed to continue with an additional 3-year term and as our Chair/President. Rob exited the room for board discussion. Floor handed to Bruce Thoren to discuss. Eggemeyer -motion to approve and renew Rob Hill's position as President/Chair of the board. Seconded – Dow. No discussion. All in favor – approved.

Legislative Updates – Rob Hill

Discussed the passing of HB 33 (correct number?) proved \$250,000 for CTE funding and it can be used for materials. SOPI Degenfelder plans on rewriting Perkins 5 Wyoming Plan. Martinez is now on the executive board for the PTSB and Wilcox and Hill have been asked to set on a cabinet for the SOPI as her desire to help CTE is her #2 priority in her initiatives. This will be a work in progress and the CTSOs are set to meet Thursday of this week to discuss topics and direction for the cabinet. The synergy between WACTE and the CTSOs is strong.

State Director's Report – Janie Wilcox

SLSC in review! 649 registered to attend. No negative feedback from sponsors, judges, advisors, and attendees. Had judges constructive criticism in the areas of auto refinishing (could we increase diversity of stations/tasks for additional challenges for competitors), auto tech (release type of equipment to be used for diagnostics and do not allow more than one student to be on any one given station – some schools were helping each other). Carpentry stepped up committee prep work this year. Welding and debrief went exceptionally well – especially with the return of novice. Continuing with no open ceremonies is well received and stage/lighting hire for closing was a bigger celebration of our students than ever before at the Ford Center or anywhere else. Advisor appreciation dinner and celebratory night for students at

The Hangar – also a continued success. More alumni continue to return to help run the conference. Senator Barrasso was present at registration, and 2 high schools/districts considering adding SkillsUSA came and toured. Wilcox was able to visit every technical competition this year. All medalists, again, received a prize package in addition to their medal thanks to sponsorships – fun to see champions walking out from behind the curtain with their arms LOADED.

Strategic Plan Initiatives – Hill and Wilcox

Quick review of those initiatives again and the need for:

Establish committees

Committees set meetings between now and end of August

Fall Retreat in Sept/Oct in Casper

Dow – the Quality of work we produced on the 2022 retreat was money well spent and it is a nice opportunity for board members to get to know each other outside of set meetings. Thoren – A meeting at a set place, one or two days – is a best practice to get people face-to-face, in front of the board. Eggemeyer - aids in establishing a clear idea of our direction. Calendars reviewed and everyone agreed to September 7-9th and Hill to make reach to contacts regarding Casper Mountain Cabin.

Advocacy/Marketing and Community Engagement: ROB HILL CHAIR

Lucas Dow, Joseph Martinez, Bruce Thoren, Jason Eggemeyer

Financial Management (Fundraising)/Partner and Alumni Engagement: JOE FEILER CHAIR

Paul Brutsman, Jeff Stone, Chance Pollo, Don Crank

Leadership Development/Workplace Experiences: JANIE WILCOX CHAIR

Craig Rood, Todd Warner, Lyle Harmon, Pat Joyce

Unfinished Business? None

New Business to come before the board? Feiler approached the conversation on moving funds to an interest-bearing account higher than our simple savings at Jonah Bank. Feiler will research percentage rates and options (CitiBank, Chase, American Express, etc).

Adjourn (no motion entertained)

****FOLLOW UP:**

Wilcox called Travis Grubb 6/13/23 – Explained the time commitment, current 2023-2026 Strategic Plan and Committees Formed. Grubb accepted the invitation to join the board for a three-year term pending a majority vote and expressed he would like to see increased participation at the Post-Secondary Level.

Email sent 6/14/23 at 12:05pm asking for a vote regarding Travis Grubb, Dean of Career and Technical Education at Gillette College joining the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Vote due by Monday, June 19th at 5pm.

In favor: Chance Pollo, Joseph Martinez, Lucas Dow, Jamie Cordonier (non-voting), Paul Brutsman, Joseph Martinez, Jason Eggemeyer, Todd Warner, Lyle Harmon, Bruce Thoren, Craig Rood, Don Crank.