Minutes  
National Congress on Science Education  
First Annual Board Meeting  
July 13, 2000

9:00 am  Introduction  Arthur Eisenkraft  
Report of Credentialing Committee  Emma Walton

There were 38 Chapter Delegates, 12 Associated Group Delegates, 21 Chapter Alternates, and 4 Associated Group Alternates

Motion to accept  
Passed

Adoption of rules  Ed Frazier

Motion to accept  
Passed

Adoption of agenda  Emma Walton

Motion to accept  
Passed

Blue Ribbon Panel history/overview  Harold Pratt

9:50 am  Broke up into focus groups to discuss the Blue Ribbon Panel Report

Focus groups were Relationships and Principles of Collaboration, Communications, Meetings and Conventions, Advocacy Legislation and Educational Policy, Developing and Supporting Future Leaders, and Building and Sustaining Membership

11:24 am  Reports from the focus groups

Call for prepared resolution  Emma Walton

There were no prepared resolutions

Vote for other focus groups

Motion to add a focus group on membership  
Did not pass

Motion to add a focus group on National Legislative Policy  
Passed
Motion to add a Science Education is Everybody’s Business (SEEB) focus group
Passed

12:00 pm Lunch
1:20 pm Presentation of revised credentials report Emma Walton
There were 42 Chapter Delegates, 13 Associated Group Delegates, 21 Chapter Alternates, and 4 Associated Group Alternates.

Motion to accept
Passed

Presentation on SEEB Terry Austin
Science Education Legislative Initiative Presentation Michael Lach

1:55 pm Begin focus groups

Focus groups were: Blue Ribbon Panel Report (BRP) (cont.), Evolution, Assessments, Funding, Schools Parents Teachers Advocacy Legislation and Educational Policy, Professional Development, SEEB, National Legislative Policy

Reports from focus groups

3:24 pm Start of Business Meeting

00CGRES 01 Relationships, Principles of Collaboration
Resolved that the National Congress on Science Education accept the eight principles of collaboration from the BRP report.
Passed

00CGRES 02 Relationships, Principles of Collaboration
We resolve that NSTA create a Field Service Coordinator staff position to serve as a permanent liaison between NSTA headquarters and the Chapters and Associated Groups.

Motion to amend: replace create with support
Passed

We resolve that NSTA support a Field Service Coordinator staff position to serve as a permanent liaison between NSTA headquarters and the Chapters and Associated Groups.
Passed

* Changes in the legislation made by motions will be noted by an underline
We resolve that NSTA appoint a standing, Congress-level committee to develop a new structure to replace or reassign the work of the committee on Member Services/Chapters and Associated Groups

Motion to amend: change wording to Congress/Council level committee
Passed

We resolve that NSTA appoint a standing Congress/Council level committee to develop a new structure to replace or reassign the work of the committee on Member Services/Chapters and Associated Groups

Passed

We resolve that this standing committee will be comprised of:
8 members
3 Council
3 Chapter reps
1 Assoc. groups rep.
1 At-large Congress rep.

Motion to amend: change the number of Chapter reps. to 4 bringing the total number of committee members to 9
Passed

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Passed

Be it therefore RESOLVED, on this 13th day of July, 2000 by the first National Congress on Science Education representing science educators from the 50 states, to endorse this legislation and encourage prompt passage and full authorization by the U.S. Congress.

Passed
Communications

Permanent seems too rigid therefore resolved that “permanent” be changed to “long term” in recommendation 9. To facilitate information update of current officer’s resolved that have information from the handbook on the web with the ability for groups to update the information on line-included in recommendation #9. To widen the scope of communication and to include use of technology-resolved that communication scheme be substituted for periodic publication in recommendation #10. To include non officer personnel in communication resolved that staff be included after officers in recommendation #10. To further define communication scheme resolved that password driven website, email update be inserted after scheme in recommendation #10.

Meetings and Conventions

Resolved that a committee from the Congress be appointed to review the site selection procedures already in place for Area and National Conventions. This committee will disseminate these procedures prior to the 2001 Congress meeting, for endorsement at that meeting.

Passed

Meetings and Conventions

We resolve that the NSTA President, in collaboration with the officers of the host organizations and NSTA convention staff, will appoint the convention chairs and some committee members at least 2 years prior to regional conventions and 3 years prior to a national convention.

Passed

Meetings and Conventions

We resolve that an operating policies book be developed for the Congress Delegates which includes convention procedures, etc. that directly affect Chapters and Associated Groups.

Motion to amend: charge the recently formed Congress/Council committee with the development
Withdrawn

Passed
00CGRES 10 Meetings and Conventions
We resolve that the Congress Operating Policies Manual will be placed on the NSTA website.
Passed

00CGRES 11 Advocacy
Resolved that NSTA should solicit the name of a contact person for legislative issues through the Chapter and Associated Group annual survey. Communications should go in both directions: Chapter contacts should notify the NSTA of local legislative action which may be of local interest to the NSTA or other Chapters and Associated Groups.
Passed

00CGRES 12 Advocacy
Resolved that NSTA should provide training in political advocacy to district directors and representatives of Chapters and Associated Groups.
Passed

00CGRES 13 Advocacy
Resolved that NSTA devote a full time staff position to further develop legislative updates, including model position statements and specific suggestions for action which may be used by Chapters and Associated Groups.

Motion to amend: change full time to simply staff
Withdrawn

Motion to amend: drop “devote a full time staff position to”
Passed

Resolved that NSTA further develop legislative updates, including model position statements and specific suggestions for action which may be used by Chapters and Associated Groups.
Passed
00CGRES 14    Developing and Supporting Future Leaders
Be it resolved that NSTA establish a task force, consisting of a mixture of Chapters, Associated Groups, Council members and NSTA staff to identify retired NSTA members to formulate a plan to promote leadership development. The committee will report to the Board at a 2001 Board Meeting.

Passed

00CGRES 15    Building and Sustaining Membership
NSTA and Chapters and Associated Groups will include a checkoff box on all data collection forms that says:

☐ “I do not give permission to share this information with other science educator associations.”

All information collected in this matter will be shared without cost between NSTA and Chapters and Associated Groups.

Motion to change will to may
Passed

Motion to postpone 00CGRES 15
Passed

00CGRES 06    Communications
We resolve that Congress accept recommendation # 8: Continue to expand the distribution of materials (articles, camera-ready features, legislative update, product catalog) for timely electronic dissemination via the NSTA website and related technologies. Expand the practice of linking Chapter or Associated Group websites with the NSTA website and encourage the linking of individual organizations’ websites with NSTA’s.

Passed

00CGRES 16    Communications
We resolve that every Chapter and Associated Group should designate a long term “communications contact” to supplant the work of current officers and to serve as the conduit for all incoming and outgoing communications via electronic and other means. NSTA would have information from the handbook on the web with the ability for groups to update the information on line. NSTA and a working group of Chapter and Associated Group representatives would develop the responsibilities for this position jointly.

Passed
We resolve that NSTA develop a communication scheme (password driven web site, email update) to provide useful information to and between Chapters and Associated Group officers and staff, including advice on membership recruitment and retention; conference tips; leadership and financial issues; related NSTA updated and staff listings; and other pertinent information.

Passed

NSTA Revisit its present position statement in light of Rodger Bybee’s comments on support of the teaching of evolution through emphasis on the nature of science.

Passed

NSTA establish a list of websites and other resources on the teaching of evolution that focus on NSES life science standards.

Motion to amend: strike life
Passed

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Passed

Resolved that NSTA will make available a clear position statement on science assessment based on the National Science Education Standards which emphasize science process skills as well as content knowledge.

Passed

Resolved that NSTA shall inform its members of science assessment programs and practices around the country. This info shall be on the website.

Passed
Be it therefore resolved that, the National Congress on Science Education supports the goals of “Science Education is Everybody’s Business” initiative to:

♦ Increase awareness about the key issues involved in the science education initiative;
♦ Share effective strategies for continuing corporate support and collaboration in science education;
♦ Identify best practices for private sector support;
♦ Help corporate America influence government policy making and budget appropriations for science education.

It is therefore resolved on this 13th day of July, 2000 by the first National Congress on Science Education, to support the “Science Education is Everybody’s Business”

Passed

00CGRES 23  School, Teachers, Parents,…..
NSTA adopt a major role in communicating the importance of science achievement to school administrators, principles, and boards of education through media promotions and targeting these groups for specialized strands at regional, and national conferences and meetings.

Passed

00CGRES 24  Professional Development
Resolved that the NCSE make professional development of K-16 science teachers a top priority in order to facilitate science education reform.

Passed

00CGRES 25  Professional Development
To charge the NSTA Professional Development Committee with the responsibilities of:

1) Developing a process to create a presenters/speakers bureau
2) Developing criteria for speakers/presenters included in the bureau
3) Developing professional development models aligned with research of effective professional development

Passed

Motion to reconsider 00CGRES 08
Did not pass
Call for new business

Motion to have a committee work on new name and vote tomorrow
Motion withdrawn

00CGRES 26 Advocacy
Resolved that this assembly be known as the National Congress on Science Education.
Passed

Presentation on the College of William and Mary

Elections for Congress Planning Committee
Those nominated were Don Kline, Ruth Woodall, Edward Haynie, Marilynn Opper, Bruce Parks, and Becky Litherland.

Evaluations
Remarks
Remarks

Motion to applaud efforts of all
Passed

Results of election
Those elected were Don Kline, Bruce Parks, and Becky Litherland

Adjournment