

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

00CGRES 03

Relationships, Principles of Collaboration

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

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Passed

00CGRES 04

Relationships, Principles of Collaboration

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

We resolve that this standing committee will be comprised of:

9 members

3 Council

4 Chapter reps

1 Assoc. Groups rep.

1 At-large Congress rep.

Passed

00CGRES 05

National Legislative Acts

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

00CGRES 06

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.

00CGRES 06 postponed

00CGRES 07

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

00CGRES 08

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

00CGRES 09

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

00CGRES 09 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

00CGRES13 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

00CGRES 17

Communications

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

00CGRES 18

Evolution

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

00CGRES 19

Evolution

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

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

Passed

00CGRES 20

Assessment

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

00CGRES 21

Assessment

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

Passed

00CGRES 22

SEEB

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

5:05 pm

Call for new business

Emma Walton

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

5:15

Presentation on the College of William and Mary Dean W&M and Mary

5:25

Elections for Congress Planning Committee

Those nominated were Don Kline, Ruth Woodall, Edward Haynie, Marilyn Opper, Bruce Parks, and Becky Litherland.

Evaluations

Emma Walton

Remarks

Harold Pratt

Remarks

Arthur Eisenkraft

Motion to applaud efforts of all

Passed

Results of election

Those elected were Don Kline, Bruce Parks, and Becky Litherland

5:52

Adjournment