



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Location: teams

Date: Monday, April 14, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm (central time)

4/14/2025 Executive Board Minutes

Attending Sue, Dan, Mike, Kat

- I. Dan noted that the activity report was submitted on time to NOSS
 - a. Dan Reviewed common themes from the conference: Ai and building a culture of belonging
 - b. Newsletter planning: For those who attended the conference, please write a piece for the newsletter.
 - c. As a reminder, contributors need to check Sue's notes from the last submission for
 - d. Regional neighbors: We met many engaged colleagues from Minnesota and Illinois, as well as members attempting to revive the Midwest chapter (Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska).
- II. Mike is completing the insurance submission for this year today; deadline is May 1
- III. Mike has submitted a piece for the newsletter; Dan will submit this week
- IV. Tax status; our current EIN number is 42-1457497. Dan suggested we should begin researching the new 501c3 status again since we may get discounts in the future and it will provide a clear tax status
 - a.
- V. Dan asked if members of the board would be interested in inviting members from Minnesota and Illinois to a meeting in order to build new connections and opportunities. Attendees agreed that it may be useful.
 - a. Shared events: Dan noted that members from Minnesota and Illinois were very interested in joint endeavors. He suggested considering inviting those members to our next meeting or a separate event to have a combines roundtable, online event.

- b. Perhaps a shared website to provide region presence and increase presence?: At the NOSS conference, we discussed having a shared website to provide information and research for potentially interested colleagues. Both Illinois and Minnesota are dealing with aggressive legislative challenges and are looking for support and shared insight. A shared site or group mail may build engagement, particularly as Illinois does not have an active chapter.
- c. Dan suggested ideas for planning the next conference.
 - a. Location? Attending members agreed that Des Moines remained a good central location; Dan noted that Rieman Gardens in Ames had a space, but it may be a bit expensive and inconvenient. Dan also noted the DM Botanical Center and Central Library might be reasonable options. Sue suggested considering Boone.
 - b. Potential topics offered: belonging, mental health, immigrant support, defending programs, placement. Mike and Kat suggested a topic addressing the current challenges would be attractive to members: themes such as Meeting the Challenge or Rising to the Challenge.
 - c. The board agreed November should remain the time.
- d. Mike reminded us to advocate for the scholarship, with its deadline on June 1.
- e. Mike offered to present an online workshop, such as the monthly presentations offered by Ohio. Since summer is coming, the board tentatively targeted September. Mike noted the topic would be digital literacies. The board noted we need to begin promoting in the summer.
- f. Next meeting: Monday, May 19, 2025 at 3:00