

CTSO E.D. ZOOM Meeting
November 2, 2021
6:00-7:15 p.m.
Minutes

Members Present

Krista Chadwick, Jessica Enright, Chris Gray, Susan Ladd, Johnathon Mason, Linda Randall, and AnnaJo Smith.

Programs of Work

Sue reminded E.D.s to get Programs of Work to her so they can be posted on vtctso.com. SkillsUSA's will not be submitted until after their Fall Leadership Conference. Remember to use the template for the EOY Report since they cover the same topics. They can be in Word or PDF.

Fall Conferences

FBLA & HOSA Combined FLC. Krista explained that FBLA advisors were not used to Canvas, but the structure of it allowed advisors to use material throughout the week in their classrooms. FBLA got three new state officers out of it. CVU has two and one from Canaan! Everyone enjoyed Aaron Wilson—the energy was good and students loved him. Working on the final financial. Jessica reported last year there were 30 attendees and this year doubled. It was hard because it was another virtual platform. Some schools did not really even use the platform. Hopefully they will still pay! Many schools participated only on Friday. Yet, it may be the same as a live conference. There was way too much information in Canvas, but Krista wanted there to be more information than not enough. Southwest Tech and Central Vermont Career Center used a lot of the curriculum. Sue mentioned the Myers-Briggs workshop was great. It created a lot of discussion. The Dancing Guy video was popular, too. Scavenger hunt and games were not popular. They would not put as much time in those. Discussions could be more available. Set up advisor meetings soon to get feedback about FLC and info for SLC. Total of 167 attendees. HOSA had 74 and FBLA had 86 + state officers. Only 23 people filled out the FLC survey, though. It was very hard to quantify who actually showed up because some classes were logged in under one account. People got out of it what they wanted to.

FFA Nationals. AnnaJo and Johnathon filled us in on how things went at the FFA National Convention. Johnathon reported that the energy was awesome and how great it was to be together. AnnaJo added how good it was for their camaraderie. Two state officers were delegates and were required to be in person. They had lots of prior work in Zoom before attending. Much easier to do than last year. The other state officer, Carrie, attended workshops to bring back to Vermont. They also attended a concert and a rodeo. AnnaJo and Johnathon spent a lot of time with alumni to help recruit more on the alumni level. Final total was 62,000 people. Masks were mandated in the entire conference center. Some advisors were not as strict about following procedures. The EXPO and shopping experience had only about half the vendors to allow more social distancing. Spacing was hard. Sessions were held in the Lucas Oil center probably because it is bigger and you can use more sections. We watched the one-minute state officer video they put together to let us know what they did—Fabulous!

VT FFA Soils Competition at Vermont Tech. Eighty-six students from seven different schools met at VTC to compete on October 20. VATA threw it together really quickly. It lent itself to getting together even though COVID is restricting. Sarah Downes, Josh Gosh, and Aaron Townshend put it together. VATA is going to meet in November (hopefully to get VT FFA reimbursed from the CDE money). Farm Show participation since it's inside is still a hurdle for attendance.

SkillsUSA Vermont FLC. Chris was amazed that VT FFA attended live events and VACTED needs to know about it. Chris sends out weekly messages to 80-90 advisors and directors, and it's crickets in

response. The more directors who are on board with it being okay, the better it will be for all CTSOs. We know it's happening, but VACTED really needs to know about. Fall Conference is on the calendar scheduled for December 2 for three hours. A rough outline is done, but Matt Bingnot will use CVCC studio live taking the helm for the conference. They will all meet on Sunday with the theme United as One using diversity, equity, and inclusion and potentially hire an outside speaker. Frank Kitchen has been recommended by last year's speaker, Joe Fingerhut. \$2000+ is a big spend for a speaker considering no conference fee. One of the state officer's mothers is involved in the LGBTQ community and may be a speaker. They also will be creating t-shirts. Zoom will be used for the live stuff and Matt will work behind the scenes with Youtube as well. Linda mentioned that the two motivated and exceptional state officers make a difference. Officer spots are going to remain open until January. If anyone knows of people who are experts in diversity, equity, or inclusion, let Linda or Chris know.

Advisors' Meetings

Ruth Durkee let Sue know that CTSOs may be able to have time at Proficiency Meetings to address advisors and potential advisors.

FBLA and HOSA had scheduled them during a time when other things may be happening during the conference week. Try to get something scheduled at the end of November and beginning of December in order to get input for SLC.

Spring Conference Updates

Skills is pushing for live, in-person conference. Lorraine Kennedy at River Bend wants to be put on the mailing list.

FFA Farm Show in January. AnnaJo contacted them, and they hired a second party to do the advertising because they lost the two managers who had been doing this. The board has decided they will not pass any fees on to VT FFA. Their goal is to find businesses to pay to conference space to cover the cost of facilities. Then FFA would have costs of food and CDEs. The Farm Show wants to use the Farm Show as a way to bring in 100-250 students into the show.

HOSA is thinking about doing the conference competitions virtually and then have the awards and keynote as a one-day event in person. Planning for virtual.

FBLA is going to be the same virtual format as last year with competitions virtual. Krista has contacted UVM to see about doing the technical portion of the one-day event on March 23. She also is working with Champlain College to be one of the future hosts of the SLC. She may offer a southern and northern location for the future to allow easier travel for the groups.

Be aware that transportation may not be offered because bus drivers are at risk. Schools have had to close because there are no bus drivers available.

Substitutes may also be an issue when it's time for in-person events.

Krista posed the question about what VACTED hears from each CTSO SLCs. If one CTSO can do virtual, why can't all? Sue responded that each CTSO is different and that it shows flexibility. FFA advisors stated they would not attend a virtual conference because it is like SkillsUSA—the competition needs to be live. So FFA is going to offer as much as they normally do and they will see how many register to warrant judges. Leadership events at FFA and SkillsUSA can be virtual whereas other competitions cannot be.

Chris also interjected that National SkillsUSA competition will be in person. Linda traveled to Atlanta to check out the venue a few weeks ago. It's a message that nationals made clear that in order to prove skills, these need to be live.

National Conference Updates

SkillsUSA will be in Atlanta for the first time. They covered safety in general and not COVID itself. They were all masked.

Other

Jason Gingold told Linda that VACTED is willing to have any CTSO E.D. at a VACTED meeting, just let him know.

He also encourages any CTSO E.D. to get information to him to include in his Saturday email to VACTED. Get it in writing to him and he'll include it. This is critical. Pictures showing students participating live can help.

Virtual Entrepreneurship Day Contest

FREE to any of your students. It is for students to create bumper stickers and public service announcements. Then on February 9 there will be Governor's Proclamation signed and a virtual conference of a panel of young entrepreneurs and see the results of the contest. It will be run through UVM Davis Center and will run from 8:00-noon.

This used to also be our day of Legislative Breakfast. Maybe that is an option this year. With fewer students for state officers, Sue had suggested that it be addressed in the POWs. We are not sure how many legislators are actually attending.

Chris suggested to contact the Sergeant at Arms about the possibility. Sue will contact. When is not as much as issue since the Entrepreneurship Day is virtual. The second week of February is SkillsUSA week and the entire month is CTE month. Sue will find out from the State House what is and what is not happening.

Update CTSO Consent Form

Sue will put the form in a googledocs with editing rights. Then we can talk about at the next meeting. Once we edit, then we need to send it to the state lawyer to approve.

This is in addition to any other form your own CTSO has.

New Business

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Susan Ladd
CTSO Coordinator