COPIS 2017 Business Meeting
October 29, 2017
Austin, Texas

1. Call to Order – Ann Allen
2. Nominating Committee – Susan Sullivan
   a. Sheryl Moss has agreed to accept the position of Secretary
   b. Motion to close the nominations. Jim Kahrs 1, Lee 2nd – motion passes
3. Site Selection Committee Report Recommendations – Ian Mette
   a. University of Maine 2018 (Oct 5-7th – preferred or weekend afterwards depending upon price) Ian will send out a Save the Date email.
      i. Discussion about starting earlier. The Site Committee will explore that option. Look at departure times from Bangor, ME.
   b. Augusta University 2019
   c. Indianapolis 2020 (primary), Ft. Worth 2020 (secondary)
   d. Ian 1st, Lee 2nd – motion passes
4. Journal of Educational Supervision – Ian Mette
   a. Launched in about a month
   b. Needs alternative metrics – purchasing a license to alt metrics to differentiate the journal and support recognition. Estimate $2500 first year, $1500 each year after that
   c. Marla motions that we support the entire $2500 unless there are options for additional funds. Friendly amendment – Lee offer ½ and commit to half of the ongoing funds and that we as a governing body can adjust it.
   d. Site license to the journal.
   e. Members discussed the proposed journal. The issue of ownership is substantive because ownership leads to increased support. It is the Council’s desire to be as supportive as possible with the limited funds we have. Members discussed multiple options for support. After several preliminary motions and discussion, Dr. Marcia Knoll moved that COPIS contribute $1000 to be matched by donations as follows:
      i. Dr. Don Beach $500
      ii. Dr. Steve Gordon $500
      iii. Dr. Zach Kelehear $500
   f. The motion passed. Funds will be available by December 2017.
5. COPIS website
   a. Members discussed the COPIS website. Members are very appreciative of Jake Burns’ in-kind work to maintain our site. We could expand to have a members-only area on the site, which would allow for online voting, collection of dues, and payment of registration fees, but this would be costly. After discussion, members decided that the journal should be our priority. Dr. Kathleen Topolka-Jorissen will follow up by looking at other options for collecting funds, such as
PayPal. Dr. Topolka-Jorissen will also see about getting a link to the new journal on our website.

6. 2017 Conference Debrief
   a. Members debriefed on the 2017 conference, expressing gratitude to Drs. Steve Gordon, Pat Guerra, and Marla McGhee and their support team for a well-organized conference. Members noted that the facilitation of all sessions was handled with sensitivity and efficiency. Members felt that the roundtable sessions provided exceptionally rich discussion. Suggestions for the 2018 conference planning committee include:
      i. Consider starting the conference earlier in the day on Friday
      ii. Consider moving the business session to an earlier time in the conference so that more members can be present
      iii. Members also suggested exploring ways to follow up with and support new members, as well as graduate students who present in the pre-conference sessions.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Kathleen Topolka-Jorissen
   a. $5600 in operating, working on collecting dues from those who didn’t come this year. We have taken in less in dues than we spent. We will end up about even.
   b. Dues go into the web site.
   c. Dues are still coming in and will become part of the report for FY2017. An update will follow. Pledges for the Blumberg/Pajak scholarship totaled $1125.
   d. Dr. Topolka-Jorissen noted that our constitution states that our funds cannot exceed $10,000. Presently, we have one account where operating funds and scholarship funds are mixed. Dr. Topolka-Jorissen proposed that we establish two accounts, one for operating expenses and one for scholarship funds. The motion passed.
   e. Dr. Steve Gordon proposed that we increase the Blumberg/Pajak scholarship amount from $400 to $500. The motion passed.

The 2018 COPIS conference will be held October 5-7 (Columbus Day weekend) at the University of Maine.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.