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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

Zoom Video Conference

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Jessica Arzate, Arron Barrow, Sara Crawford, Katrina Doughty, Elizabeth Durant, Susan Graham, Bill Graupp, Liz Hartman, Kris Howatt, Greg Kintz, Sonja McKenzie, Patti Norris, Judy Richardson, Emily Smith, Becky Tymchuk, Dawn Watson, Mark Watson

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Director of Legislative Services Lori Sattenspiel, Legislative Services Specialist Richard Donovan, Pace Administrator Dave Harvey, Legislative Services Analyst La'Nell Trissel

OSBA committee members not in attendance: Kraig Albright, Osvaldo Avila, Ashley Carson Cottingham, Chris Cronin, Jackie Crook, Sarah Finger McDonald, Sondra Gomez, Susan Greenberg, Neelam Gupta, Linda Hamilton, Maria Hinojos Pressey, TJ Johnson, Erika Lopez, Steve Lowell, Judy Newman, Chrissy Reitz, Scott Rogers, Lori Theros, Kathy Wai, Luhui Whitebear

I. Welcome

President Sonja McKenzie welcomed everyone to meeting.

President Sonja McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and asked President-elect Sami Al-Abdrabbuh to chair the meeting.

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh introduced himself, welcomed everyone to the meeting, asked everyone to enter their name and where they are from into the chat, then set the stage for the 2023 Legislative Update.

Courtney Snead entered meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Miriam Cummins entered meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Maureen Wolf entered meeting at 5:49 p.m.

II. Legislative Policy Committee updates

Richard Donovan updated the committee on the 2023 Legislative Session highlighting session challenges, major budget bills, and major policy bills. The OSBA legislative team tracked 769 bills, half-again as many as it would in past long sessions. This year the Legislative Report will include 300 bills, twice as many as normal, and is scheduled to be released in early August. Richard gave a thorough summary of the education budget and policy bills that passed during the session.

Bruce Kevan entered meeting at 6:21 p.m.

I. Roll call

Roll was called. A quorum was present.

II. Approve agenda

Motion: Kris Howatt moved the committee to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Elizabeth Durant.

There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Approve meeting minutes

Motion: Judy Richardson moved the committee to approve the January 5, 2023, OSBA Legislative Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Sonja McKenzie.

There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Friday LPC Legislative Update call feedback

Lori Sattenspiel thanked the committee for all the work that they put in through the session and reviewed the major changes that the LPC has made over the last three years. She requested feedback and received positive response on the new Legislative Policy and Priorities document, the Legislative Work Plan, LPC Friday updates calls, and the LPC Friday notes.

V. Committee advocacy

Lori Sattenspiel reported on the increased advocacy work that was completed by the Committee over the last session – increased testimony, increased attendance at town halls and constituent coffees, increased communication with regional members – noted the impact that the region feedback had on legislative outcomes, thanked the committee for their time and effort, and described the difference the Committee was able to make at the Capitol.

She asked that the Committee watch for the upcoming election notices and encouraged those who will not be running for another term, to educate the members in their district on the work of the Committee, so that others may feel empowered to step up and fill that role.

She asked the Committee to reach out to the new board members in their region to welcome them and start establishing two-way communication streams.

She congratulated the regions who held legislative receptions, noted that we had double the receptions this year than in years past, and emphasized what a positive impact the receptions have on legislators.

VI. Fall Regional Meeting

Lori Sattenspiel gave a preview of the Legislative Roadshow agenda and asked everyone to plan on participating in their local roadshow meeting. She requested everyone enter any potential tabletop discussion questions into the chat for consideration and asked everyone to notify the legislative team if they plan to attend a meeting that is not within their region.

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VII. Closing

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh reminded everyone of the upcoming OSBA events, committee meetings, and Legislative Roadshow meetings; thanked the Committee members and Staff for their work; and reminded everyone to reach out and welcome the new board members in their region.

Sonja McKenzie thanked everyone for their feedback, encouraged committee members to participate in their legislative roadshow meeting, promoted student board representatives, and thanked the legislative team for the work that they do.

The meeting adjurned at 6:32 p.m.