



**FCSS**  
Florida Council For The Social Studies

### FCSS Board of Directors Meeting

*Date:* January 24 – 25, 2020

*Location:* Lou Frey Institute / Florida Joint Center for Citizenship  
12443 Research Parkway, Suite 406  
Orlando, Florida 32826

#### **FRIDAY – January 24, 2019 – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

*6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Casual Dinner (Provided by FCSS)*

*6:30 pm – 9:00 pm FCSS Board of Directors Meeting*

- Welcome Peggy Renihan
  - 7:01pm - Peggy called the meeting to order
  - Peggy appointed Cherie Arnette as Parliamentarian
  - Peggy appointed Lauren Samoszenko as Secretary
  
  - 7:05 pm - Terry offered welcome & “Find a Colleague Who...”  
Meet & greet other members, get signature from person who has done something like:  
visited a national landmark, has same number of siblings, etc.
  
- FCSS Board of Directors Orientation Terry Davila-Alexander  
Kris Scola
  - 7:17pm - Kris S offered welcome & information about Endowment Board/chair  
Handed out Action Plan for FCSS District Directors - has goals for council goals &  
district board goals/roles
  - 7:19pm - Mark Q sent around Board information list for website
  - 7:19pm - Peggy lets us know January meeting is meant to be an orientation meeting  
Board members will “speed date” to learn about what each committee/director/etc does,  
will hit highlights of each position, each person has 1 minute to speak - below are listed  
positions, Q&A will follow
  - 7:23pm - “speed dating” begins, Lauren S keeps time
  - 7:33pm - “speed dating” concludes
  - 7:35pm - Q&A for board positions; no questions  
Members not present - Robin, step-father memorial service  
Mary, health concerns for family  
Elizabeth, flu  
Steve, family emergency/hospital  
Board received card from Connie Brown, with gratitude about Member Emeritus
  
- Beyond the By-Laws and Policies & Procedures:  
Who, What, When, Where, How (in Order of By-Laws)
  - President Peggy Renihan

- First Vice President Chris Spinale
- Second Vice President Terry Davila-Alexander
- Recording Secretary
- Executive Director Leslie Lee
- Parliamentarian
- Management Committee Peggy Renihan
- Paid Personnel (Policies and Procedures)
  - Executive Director Leslie Lee
  - Treasurer
  - Publications Coordinator Mark Quintana
  - Membership and Marketing Coordinator
- Historian
- Conference Coordinator (now unpaid) Deborah Pettingill  
Scott Kaplan
- NCSS Liaison (Head Delegate) Cherie Arnette
- Committees
  - Legislative Committee Steve Masyada
  - Awards Committee Alana Simmons  
Travis Diesel
  - Endowment Kris Scola
  - Rho Kappa
- Nominations and Appointments Peggy Renihan  
Chris Spinale

7:37pm - Endowment board, Debbie Gallager

Awards Committee, Travis Diesel

Management Committee/Member-at-Large - elections will happen Oct. 2020 - Robin Blalock

Nominating Committee - Led by Chris Spinale - Alana Simmons, Steve Masayda, Emily Collins, Kevin Smith

No objections to the nominations; Terry moved to accept nominations; all in favor, motion carries

7:41pm - Endowment board, elected positions, 8 positions total - 2 are open

Kris nominated Emily Collins (would be 3 year term)

No current nominations; Deborah motioned to table nominations until after Kris report Sat. 1/25, Terry seconded

- Legislative Report Steve Masyada  
Will more likely have sent electronically
- NCSS Report Cherie Arnette  
Full delegation - Jen Jolley, Cherie Arnette, & Steve Masayda  
Several resolutions sponsored & passed  
NCSS - Resolutions Committee, Steve Masayda was nominated by Cherie, he will serve 3 year term, automatically has seat at House of Delegates, opens another seat at NCSS - FCSS seats are dependent on joint memberships, last few years have 3 seats  
Will be working towards Gold Star status (recognitions from various councils - membership campaigns, joint memberships, etc) - wait to hear from Cherie  
Other NCSS board positions available - elected & committee

Next NCSS conference - December 2020 in Washington, DC for 100th conference

■ Conference Report

Deborah Pettingill

Scott Kaplan

“Felt successful” at Florida Hotel, all activities together, working towards all one floor for conference

Mall donated bags & coupons, food court is available so no need to offer lunch

Heroes and Villains: Teaching in a Polarized World - lots of sessions connected to theme; working on new theme to work towards same connections

Hotel made sure to accommodate guests as best as possible

Sunday AM session was well-attended

Registration numbers - 365, including exhibitors - hurricane weather

Full hall of exhibitors

Local council table, will probably do again, ends up being information table, raffle ticket box

Programs are printed free by Studies Weekly; Deborah changed layout of program so matrix can be pulled out with WiFi & hotel map; Stacy Skinner offers editing purposes for annual purposes (send month in advance)

Hospitality - Educational Tours Friday drinks; DBQ project Saturday snacks

Pink - FCSS hashtag? Twitter - @FLCSSNetwork #FLedchat

Michael DiPierro will publish notice of FCSS Conference Proposals - hoping to boost attendance & proposals

8:05pm - 10 minute break called by Peggy

8:15pm - meeting reconvened

Conference - awards - Chris Spinale

Wilma Simmons Golden Service Award - Mark Quintana recipient

Awards are under budget - no request on lowering

\$14???.82 spent

Name tags

\$156.78 spent on supplies for centerpieces for FCSS Conference dinner

22 school districts represented

45 teachers recognized

Local councils OR Supervisor/Superintendents can nominate - digitally

Awards dinner - felt well-attended

Dr. L. Douglas Dobson Award - criteria in Google Folder

Student award, named in honor of Dr. Dobson, deadline Aug. 1 with TOYs; does not currently have to be within the last school year, might move toward that in the future; if team, school will get 1 commemorative gift with all kids' names engraved - might grow to target specific strands within social studies

“Purpose - Annually recognizing exemplary K-12 student achievement in civic engagement.

Eligibility – students in grades K-12 identify and select an issue or a problem related to their community (school, city, state, or nation) that matters to them. Through an action

plan, a solution is proposed and implemented to address the issue or problem. The action plan should:

Describe the problem or issue of concern.

Explain the importance of the problem or issue.

Articulate the action steps taken to address the issue or problem.

Demonstrate an understanding of the problem or issue.

Supply evidence of the action steps taken.

Describe the results of the action steps taken and show an understanding of the ways in which the issue or problem, action steps, and if possible, policy can be connected.

Explain how citizens and the government may work together to solve the issue and problem identified.

Draw connections between the action steps taken and an effective citizenship.

Submissions for the Award - upload a narrated powerpoint or multi-media presentation (link to checklist), as well as any supporting documentation (news articles, outcomes, letters of support from administrators, parents, community leaders, supporting data (survey results), etc.

Award – Commemorative gift, poster conference presentation”

8:35pm - Kris endowment report

Google Folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1o90f6FBhjpFaxqOnp6w2KVuW4TkE0UtX?usp=sharing>

FCSS not-for-profit status comes from Endowment board

1995 - FCSS Board guaranteed certain percentage to go towards Endowment board

3 members are appointed by President, 3 members are nominated, current president, current executive director

Donna Genet mini-grant - longest running grant

Florida Chapter of CUFA - only state chapter in U.S.

Mentor Program - pre-service teachers

50th Anniversary Commemorative Book - valuable resource, on front of website

Historical Preservation Award - est. 2015 to support local & community efforts - any district directors can nominate not-for-profit, usually small, \$1000 to make difference, up to 6 annually, portfolios needed to apply. The portfolio can be formal or informal as long as it includes all of the requirements.

Applications due at the June meeting. Limited to awarding 6. Submit electronically or paper in person.

In Development - traveling teacher institutes

Wall of Inspiration - on website, fundraising effort for Endowment board.

Recognizes FCSS leaders with pictures & bios, open for any nominations (like buying a brick for others), virtual wall. Endowment board asks directors to talk up in districts

8:59pm - doors open at 8:15am, meeting recessed until 8:30am, motioned by Deborah



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#### **SATURDAY – January 25, 2020 – 8:30 am – 12:00 pm**

8:30 am – 12:00 pm FCSS Board of Directors Meeting

9:00am - Peggy reconvened meeting (technology issues led to delay)

Cherie - Gold Star info added to Drive, some criteria changed, will work hard to meet

- **Ex-Officio Member Updates**

- Florida Department of Education, Test Development Center, Social Studies Coordinator  
Stacy Skinner  
9:57am - Office of Assessment Update  
Civics EOC, Civics literacy test, New assessment contract  
CS/HB 807 (2019) - Civic Education  
“...and test specifications” by Dec. 31, 2019  
Separate initiatives - Civics standards, benchmarks, course descriptions, etc.  
Online survey - First 2 questions re: D for Design  
Benchmarks might be changed, too, with info from public review  
Civics Literacy Test - Dec. 10, 2019 - All HS students should pass a FL Civics Literacy Test (Executive Order 19-31 - Emphasis on American Civics)  
Most likely - communication will be sent first to Superintendents/District Assessment Coordinators  
New Assessment Contract -  
Dec. 12, 2019 - Webinar, first new administration Summer 2020  
All testing will happen under AIR/one portal - Pearson & Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) subcontractors  
FSAssessments.org, 1 practice test, manuals  
Fldoetdcmeetings.org - website to serve on committees
- FDOE, Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support, Michael DiPierro  
Social Studies Education Specialist  
Tim Gerard, former board member, now ex-officio, Feb.10 will be SS specialist for FDOE  
HB807 - submitted for review, about Civics standards  
Executive Order 19-32 - Standards Review, press conference 1/24 regarding B.E.S.T. standards  
Press Release in Drive - includes what has happened/will happen, timeline, recommendations, very rapid timeline with current commission - should have new course descriptions by April 2020. BEST should be implemented by 2020-2021 school year

Think about how to help SS teachers during year(s) because all time, energy, PD will go to Math & ELA

2022 - plan for SS adoption year, with implementation in 2023-2024

Civics is embedded K-12 in ELA, Civics literacy reading list

Cursive writing added back, content-rich material, HS students will take FL Civics literacy test

Required Instruction reporting - anticipated March 2020, for use April 2020

Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education

New chairperson - Barbara Goldstein, [goldsteb@tcc.fl.edu](mailto:goldsteb@tcc.fl.edu)

<http://www.fldoe.org/holocausteducation/>

Renewed effort to include more education/resources

Strongly encouraged to better Holocaust Taskforce/FCSS/FASSS

Black History Month

Florida Memory offers to look for specific pieces

African American History Task Force

EverFi 306, FCSS requested new lesson plans & materials

Track legislation of interest - <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/MyHouse/login.aspx>

Suggestion - all Board members sign up for paperless communication from the Florida Department of Education: <http://www.fldoe.org/policy/pubs/paperless-communications.stml>

- Endowment

Kris Scola

Nominated Emily Collins

Lauren Samoszenko by Cherie

Voted in by accolations

- Endowment Funds Report

Leslie Lee

FCSS has investment account that holds bulk of money, move as needed, try to not move

All interest is transferred to Endowment to keep nonprofit status

2019 - no money pulled from investment money

Investment Account Endowment	Beginning Balance	82,477.41
	Interest Transfer	4093.59
	Ending Balance	86571.00

1/1/2019	Opening Balance	15414.05
	Outflows	6688.46
	Ending Balance	8725.59

Treasurer has resigned, Leslie is working on budget/spreadsheet with specifics

FCSS is currently working at a deficit; Leslie requested \$25k from investment account to put into operating account

June - will have more detailed budget (might send out digitally before June after emergency management committee meeting)

Management Committee - President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Director Emeritus, Elected member from Board, sometimes invite Executive Director (who reports to management committee)

Management Committee going forward - Treasurer duties will change, monthly (not yearly) reports, Treasurer is paid \$3500/year

Peggy - creating Financial Committee, naming Terry Alexander as chairperson

- Legislative Report Steve Masyada
  - Documents in the Google Drive

11:08am - recess to committee as a whole to work on budget

- FCSS Budget
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DOZy4\\_z58GNr9NF6P7teZv7Pq8tSTuEdEuEhjsJW7S4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DOZy4_z58GNr9NF6P7teZv7Pq8tSTuEdEuEhjsJW7S4/edit?usp=sharing)

11:53am - reconvened

Motion to approve budget as amended by Scott, seconded by Travis, all in favor, amended budget carries

- New Business
  - Ex-Officio Members
    - Currently have 3 members -
    - Peggy suggests make leadership member of FLCHE (Florida Council for History Education) ex-officio
      - Peggy requests motion to accept member ex-officio, with no voting privileges/no reimbursement
      - Deborah moves to accept FLCHE as ex-officio members, Jennifer Jolley seconded, all in favor, motion carries
      - Chris S puts motion on floor for FSU to house FCSS archives, Travis D seconded, all in favor
        - Deborah asks how to access, who's in charge? Dr. Myers/current dean of College of Education
        - Kris & Peggy will write thank you notes to FSU
  - Board Member Positions
  - Other
    - Cherie - motions for Peggy to write congratulations to Tim Gerard on new FDOE position & to Barbara Goldstein on chair for Holocaust Education and to support both; seconded by Terry, all in favor, motion carries
    - Peggy created - Policies & Procedures Committee - to pull info from minutes to update Policies & Procedures, chaired by the Parliamentarian, currently Cherie Arnette
    - Peggy - should we add more board positions? Food for thought
      - CUFA representative
      - Grad representative
    - Next steps for board members (listed below)
- *Board Member Committee Collaboration* *All Board Members*
  - Publications Mark & Chris
    - Want to bolster Trends & Issues - ask teachers & CUFA to submit articles, geared to practitioners

- Conference Deborah & Scott  
 Theme - Vision, Voices, & Votes  
 Can always use help - hospitality/talking to sponsors, will go over sessions in summer meeting
- Member Services & Support Terry  
 Want to brainstorm what membership benefits include

12:31pm - Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned

**Next Steps - Board Members are respectfully requested to:**

- **February - March:** Share information about the mini-grants available from the FCSS Endowment - <https://fcss.org/FundingOpportunities> Encourage at least one colleague to complete the application
- **February - May:** Share information about the Historical Preservation Awards from the FCSS Endowment - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=13zqlCI3zE0Z0gJ17bSi1O6wrUR-kbP5P>
- **Ongoing:** Endowment - Wall of Inspiration - Share and encourage your colleagues to recognize those that have made a lasting difference.  
[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1SXapM3FDGNNyDVEvi2w\\_VZJH-8POLgbM](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1SXapM3FDGNNyDVEvi2w_VZJH-8POLgbM)
- **April - May:** Ensure that at least one teacher from each district you represent submits a name as the FCSS Teacher of the Year. <https://fcss.org/Awards> Ideally there will be one for elementary, middle, and high school for each district.
  - *Some District Social Specialists and Local Councils assist with this but the majority of the Florida districts have not been represented.*

