

## **CESE 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting**

### **Agenda**

**July 19, 1998**

The 1998 Annual Meeting of the Coalition for Excellence in Science and Math Education (CESE) took place on July 19th, at the First Unitarian Church in Albuquerque. The meeting began with a welcome to all, and an introduction of the CESE Board, by outgoing CESE president Marshall Berman. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves briefly. Marshall discussed the CESE vision and mission statements, and CESE's numerous accomplishments for the preceding year.

Nancy Shelton gave the Treasurer's report. Dues and contributions totaled \$4,612.00 in income, and expenses were \$2,583.00, leaving a positive balance of \$2,029.00. The balance was available for new costs, such as catering for the annual dinner, babysitters, and incorporation. Marshall Berman pointed out that no one was kept out of CESE on account of dues, but that paying dues was encouraged wherever possible, and that family memberships (\$35 annually) were available also.

Kim Johnson discussed the current incorporation efforts underway. What was thought to be a simple process was actually very complex. He mentioned that CESE incorporation as a 501-C3 set-aside would require CESE members to undertake all political activity (lobbying for candidates or legislation) on their own, and not as members of CESE, at least until such time as a separate PAC could be formed. The proposed bylaws were discussed, as were possible incorporation costs of two to three thousand dollars.

The next item was elections. The 1997-1998 Board included President Marshall Berman, Vice-President David E. Thomas, Secretary M. Kim Johnson, Treasurer Nancy B. Shelton, and Member at large Mark Boslough. After rounds of fast and furious voting, the new CESE Board emerged in a unanimous vote. Steve Getty was elected as new President, M. Kim Johnson became the new Vice-President/President Elect, David E. Thomas was elected the new Secretary, Nancy Shelton was retained as Treasurer, and Marshall Berman was recognized with the post Past President. Five Members-at-Large were approved. These include Mark Boslough, Cindy Chapman, Scott Free, John Geissman, Tom Manaster, Jerry Shelton, and Jonathan Weiss. After a Hale and Farewell by Marshall Berman, new President Steve Getty discussed CESE growth, talks given by CESE members, the CESE Beacon, CESE initiatives in the State Department of Education, and some details behind the textbook selection process. Steve asked CESE members to think of ways CESE might help local districts implement new content standards. Some intriguing initiatives were presented, including class visits, an "Ask a Scientist" web page, and a pilot program called "Partners Enhancing Science Content."

A "Town Meeting" followed. Jonathan Weiss commented that CESE should not always be reactive to situations, but should continue to find positive ways to affect science education. These sentiments were reinforced by Mark Boslough

and Kim Johnson. Barbara Stein asked if we couldn't make simple science experiments that even non-scientists could take on the road. Terry Sleigh mentioned similar resources we should check out, such as the AAUW or the League of Women Voters. Sid Stone mentioned an effort similar to CESE's by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. A free-wheeling discussion ensued about the impact of the fall elections on schools, the new Albuquerque Public Schools superintendent, political action committees, and more.

After some Dave Thomas magic tricks and a display of the year's best science-related cartoons, all were encouraged to fill out meeting evaluations. Pins were distributed to new members.

The meeting was adjourned, and everyone joined in food and socializing.