

2000 CESE Annual Meeting Minutes

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the CESE (Coalition for Excellence in Science and Math Education) was held on Saturday, June 17th, at the First Unitarian Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Distinguished guests and the audience members were introduced, and several CESE members and/or guests made brief statements or acknowledgements, including State Senator Pauline Eisenstadt, State Representative Rick Miera, and Cibola High School valedictorian Louie Metzger. Rep. Pauline Gubbels also attended, as did State Board of Education members Marshall Berman, Christine Trujillo, and Flora Sanchez.

Outgoing president Kim Johnson described CESE accomplishments for the last year, focusing on HOTSPOTS, new alliances (such as Hispano CofC and the NM Partnership for Math & Science Education), the new CESE Web Page, the speakers' bureau, participation at open house booths, and, most significantly, getting evolution and the age of the earth back into science standards.

State Superintendent of Education Michael Davis gave the keynote address. He discussed many issues of concern to CESE, such as how science and math education fit into the State Board's Strategic Plan. (The Plan is available at the State Board's website, at <no longer available>.) Davis also made remarks about civility in political dialog, school safety, and the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce's new education initiative.

The slate of new CESE officers for the 2000-2001 term was presented, and heartily approved by the members present. Several proxy votes were also sent in prior to the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was also presented.

The new board for 2000-2001 is:

- Steve Brugge President (No vote required per Bylaws)
- Tim Moy Vice President/President Elect
- Nancy Shelton Treasurer
- Dave Thomas Secretary
- Kim Johnson Past President (No Vote required per Bylaws)
- Jon Weiss Member at Large
- Marilyn Savitt-Kring Member at Large
- Marshall Berman Member at Large
- Cindy Chapman Member at Large
- Bill MacPherson Member at Large

CESE's new president, Steve Brügge, talked about plans for the coming year. He discussed passion for science, describing vividly Einstein's fascination as a child with a compass given him by his father. Steve outlined some initial goals of his (more Beacons, science fair judging, increasing membership, etc.).

The meeting was adjourned, and a social gathering was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Thomas

Secretary