

FAMIS Steering Committee Meeting

Daytona Beach @ FAEDS

September 22, 2015

In attendance:

Candy Garcia, Belinda Fries, James Goines, David Lesnek, Doug Dillard, Russell Cheatham, Stephen Bowen, Bill Nimmons, Bruce Patrou, David Stokes, Margo Gunnarsson

Absent:

Jim Dunn, Rick Laneau, Ulysses Vazquez

Guests:

Tom Ingram, Julie Jernigan, Cali Stringer

Meeting was called to order by Candy at 2:23 p.m.

Julie Jernigan initiated a discussion regarding problems of holding future conferences at the Turnbull center. Items discussed:

- The 2015 conference was the largest yet and was at the upper limit for the capability of the Turnbull center.
- There were many problems with the caterer.
- Ideally, the conference would be held in a central location, in a hotel with their own caterer, enough space for presentations and vendors, and enough rooms for the attendees.
- No hotels in Tallahassee meet all these criteria.
- The Doubletree might work because they just went through a complete renovation but they will not have enough rooms for the attendees.

A discussion ensued regarding moving the conference to another city. David said he thought DOE would be able to travel especially if we kept it close enough for a day trip from Tallahassee. The extent of travel would be up to the Commissioner. Candy will contact Todd Clark for his thoughts.

A motion was made by Doug, seconded by Stephen and unanimously approved for:

Julie Jernigan to investigate holding the conference in another location for 2017. She will look for a location on or above the I-4 corridor in cities including but not limited to: Tampa/St Pete, Orlando, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Daytona Beach, and Tallahassee. Targeted dates are June 12-16. She was given a list of other criteria to consider.

Julie is asking for prices from 3 other caterers for the 2016 conference in Tallahassee.

A motion was made by Dave Lesnek, seconded by Margo Gunnarsson to approve the minutes with corrections from the June 14, 2015 steering committee meeting. It passed unanimously.

James presented the Treasure's Report with an Income/Expense Recap of the June 2015 conference. Russell moved to approve these reports. It was seconded by Stephen and was approved unanimously.

Discussion on 2016 Conference

Dates: June 21-23, 2016 (These were changed after the conference center was not available on the previously selected dates.)

Vendors:

- Candy prepared a flyer for distribution to the vendors presenting at FAEDS.
- Several vendors are ready to register now.
- Stephen made a motion to maintain vendor rates for 2016. It was seconded by Bill and approved unanimously.
- The mix of IT/MIS attendees at the vendor sessions was discussed. It was decided this was a good thing. The practice of FAMIS providing VISA gift cards for door prizes at vendor sessions will continue.

Presentations:

- Candy forwarded feedback from 2015 presentations to Arlene Roberts.
- Answers to questions posed to DOE was posted to the FAMIS web site.
- David Stokes – “There was limited communication about what the districts needed from DOE”. Belinda suggested adding an online poll.
- Who will replace Arlene Roberts as our new contact? David suggested Cali Stringer. She agreed.
- CIO Roundtable
 - Keep on 2016 agenda adding a discussion of CoSN.
 - Keep at end of conference. This provides an opportunity to complete any discussions from previous sessions and allows for a summary of presentations.

Charging Stations

- Used by many.
- Add more.
- Add signage.

NWRDC

- They want to return in 2016.
- They will be provided a table at no charge in exchange for offering tours of their data center.

Door Prizes

- Candy asked Doug if he would continue. Doug agreed.

Registration

- Margo will open registration now for the 2016 conference.
- FLVS disputed some PayPal payments. It was decided to not change the registration policies.

Web Site

- Margo wants to update the web site. She will work with Belinda.
- Presentations from previous years will be maintained.

Job Postings

Should FAMIS allow job postings from the districts? Yes, they can send an email. Margo will add it to the web site and send an email to all members through the list serv. The email will contain a link back to the posting on the FAMIS site. These postings will link back to the requesting district.

CoSN

Belinda introduced Tom Ingram from Escambia County to discuss merging the Florida CoSN chapter into FAMIS.

CoSN brings many benefits including:

- They are K12
- Their goals are aligned with those of FAMIS
- CoSN offers certifications (Certified Educational Technology Leader) with online course prep.
- They have a speaker's bureau.
- Adds a national prospective.

The Florida CoSN chapter has about 12 member districts, some private schools, and one vendor (IMS Global)

There are 3 separate K12 IT organizations in Florida. FAMIS, FAEDS, FICTL. CoSN does not need to be a 4th.

State Dues are paid by the member districts on a sliding scale based on the size of the district. Those dues would go to FAMIS. The Florida CoSN chapter has \$14,000 in the bank now.

CTO Clinics

- The Florida chapter has held 2 CTO clinics in the past.
- If a CTO clinic was added to the FAMIS conference, it could be a problem because the national chapter would be involved and would want their own set of vendors.
- It might be possible to offer a clinic in conjunction with FETC.

Belinda made a motion which was seconded by Stephen and approved unanimously to investigate FAMIS joining with CoSN.

CoSN requires their state chapters to be 501c (3). FAMIS is not. Dave made a motion which was seconded by Bill and approved unanimously for Bruce to investigate the costs of becoming a 501c (3). James requested that this be complete by December 31, 2015 so FAMS could start January 1, 2016 as a tax-exempt organization. Bruce will follow up with a conference call as he learns more.

Other items to consider regarding FAMIS joining with CoSN:

- Revising the FAMIS bylaws
- Adding 2 board members: CoSN Liaison & CoSN Membership Manager

Tom Ingram will contact the national CoSN organization and the other members of the Florida chapter to see if they agree with this merger.

FETC 2016 Meeting

Candy is contacting FETC for a meeting location.

SDATA

James said we are still holding \$300 from SDATA. He will move this into General Funds.

At 4:17, a motion was made to adjourn by Stephen. It was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved.