

National Network For Safe And Drug-Free schools And Communities (SDFSC)

**September 8, 1996
EI Conquistador Resort
Tucson, Arizona**

Minutes

Present: Victoria Crews - ODADAS - Columbus, Ohio
Sue Mahoney - Vermont Dept. of Education
Melissa Foley - Texas Office of the Governor- CJD
Martin Mueller - Office of the Supt. of Public Instruction - Washington
Audrey Peralez - McCreL Southwest Comprehensive Center - Colorado
George McDonough - Rhode Island Dept. of Education
MaryBeth Serdechny - Connecticut Office of Policy and Management
Mike Lowther - S.W. Prevention Center - Oklahoma
Mary VanderWall- Colorado Department of Education
Cathleen Olson - Arizona Department of Education

The National Network met from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on September 8, 1996 to brief new members on the status of the Network and to get input on several items of interest.

The By-Laws, Draft 1 were reviewed and additions and corrections were solicited from the group. Discussion on what constituted "consensus" by the Network and "position statements" followed with the recommendation that these items be added to the by-laws. Language drafted at the June Network meeting has been added to Draft 2. It was decided that Draft 2 would be sent out with a cover letter to all SDFSC Coordinators and Network members for additional feedback or possible changes. In addition, the nomination form for officers would be sent out at the same time. Both items are due back November 1, 1996 so that changes can be made and a ballot prepared for the voting meeting in January which will be held in Washington DC.

The Network office positions were discussed and it was explained that the Chair would also be the treasurer so that any funds secured from outside sources could be housed with the Chair for Network mailing, copying expenses etc.

The 1992 DFSC SEA and GOV Reports to the legislature were discussed and a copy was passed among the members. These reports were provided to the legislature to show the effectiveness of the DFSC program nationally before reauthorization. They were found to be very helpful. It was decided that a copy of this report would be sent to all SEA and GOV reps along with a new survey form for the years 1995-1996 and 1996-1997. By

doing so the Network maintains a proactive stance for any future argument on the effectiveness or importance of SDFSC. SEA and GOV reps will be asked to fill out the survey and send them back to the Interim Chair for compilation. In addition, states and territories are being asked to send a description of a SDFSC funded program that is working well in their state so that there will be a readily accessible copy on file for use by USDE and others. Evaluated programs are preferred. The Interim Chair at the Arizona Department of Education will act as the suppository for the information.

It was also suggested that separate mailings on various issues go out to the Network on a regular basis so that communication would be ongoing.

It was decided that a Network meeting would be held in conjunction with the three USDE IASA regional conferences. Mike Lowther and Melissa Foley agreed to host the Network meeting in St. Louis in September, Cathleen Olson in San Francisco in October and possibly Victoria Crews in Atlanta in November. It was also decided that a meeting would be held in conjunction with the CADCA Conference in November.

Members were asked to share news and concerns about the IASA Consolidation process and were given the opportunity to talk about what was going on in their respective states regarding SDFSC issues.

The meeting ended.