

COSPRA Executive Meeting  
9.25.2008

COSPRA Annual Conference

- Nov. 13-14
- Radisson Hotel in Longmont
- Tentative contract is for \$2,600
- Looking at charging \$130 per member
- Room will be \$109 a night and we are required to book a minimum of 10 rooms
  - COSPRA liable for 8 rooms
  - Will look at renegotiating the rooms
- Andrew Hudson guest speaker for Thursday
- Still working out details for Friday
  - Round table discussions/key note speaker/panel discussion/breakouts???
  - Exchange table during round table discussions
- Need to schedule time for COSPRA member awards
- Looking for volunteers for Committee groups
  - Sponsorships committee
  - Speaker committees
  - Promotions and Registration
  - Content for breakouts
  - Goody Bags – Jennifer Sprague
  - Joe is getting Janelle
  - Jennifer is getting Jessica for Sponsorship
  - Damon is willing to work morning registration
  - Patty will volunteer on a committee

Update on COSPRA membership and treasurer report

- Damon is going to send out an email to remind individuals that they haven't paid
- Accounts around \$23,000
- Concerns
  - Budget established for Conference? Needs to be in the black
  - Want to make sure that members feel like they're getting value for membership fee – important to not we don't charge additional fees for regional meetings or listserv

Regional Budgets

- Exec. Committee voted unanimously to provide regions with a budget of \$15 per member of a particular region (i.e. 15 members in a region would equal a \$225 regional budget for the year)

Mentor Program

- Focus group with new members at conference

### COSPRA Member Awards

- Recently sent out by Georgia
- Application process online
- Joe asked regional presidents to send out communication to regions to encourage to nominate/apply for awards

### Communication Excellence Award Reciprocal Judging

- Diane Leiker
- COSPRA is judging KanSPRA
- Would like to get a good variety of volunteer judges
- October 16<sup>th</sup> at Littleton Public Schools 8am-4pm
  - Joe and Damon, Roger, Patty committed to help

### Regional Updates

- Denver – upcoming meeting with Mark at CDE
- South – next luncheon Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> about online marking – one on one right now until election is over. A lot of Districts going for a mill and bond.

### Strategic Plan

- Joe moves to adopt 2008-09 strategic plan
- Jennifer seconds
- Everyone aye
- No Nay

### Discussion about COSPRA website and social network

- Mark Franke
- A webinar/conference call can be done in the future to help members who are not present
- Different tools available
  - Content management system
  - Navigation bars
  - Blogs
  - Event calendar
  - Online payments
  - Allowing others (permission based) to update/manipulate information (Regional Presidents, Executive Team)
  - Can incorporate video streaming
  - Electronic Forms/simplified surveys
- Costs
  - Current service is hosting and listserv - \$15 a month
  - Future service single user - \$30 (low end)
    - Unlimited users – \$130 month (high end)
      - All members login as a user