

Brit Kirwan's initial remarks, TPSE Math meeting, June 20, 2016
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Thank you, Phillip.

Before we discuss TPSE's four priorities, I want to make two points about the broad consensus that has developed around TPSE and its strategic plan.

First, the TPSE membership is extremely well connected to the various categories of organizations and institutions that are important to the success of the TPSE agenda, as this slide [#5; also www.tpsemath.org/partners] illustrates.

This is a very busy but very important slide. Around the periphery you see organizations by category whose support is critical to TPSE's success. And then you see direct links to these organizations with TPSE members who have leadership positions in these organizations or have worked closely with them. For example, Uri has built enormous credibility with higher commissions and state higher ed commissioners across the country. Karen Saxe has been in a leadership position in the MAA and Eric Friedlander is past president of AMS. Jim Gates is a member of PCAST and on and on it goes.

Secondly, in this slide, CBMS, the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences, is of particular importance. CBMS, which I currently chair, consists of the presidents of the 17 different professional societies for mathematicians...the American Mathematical Society, Math Association of America, SIAM, AMATYC, etc., etc. CBMS has unanimously endorsed the TPSE agenda as the right agenda for the transformations needed in the teaching and learning of mathematics. This is extremely important, as it gives enormous credibility and impetus for TPSE's reform efforts among working mathematicians.

Ron Rosier, Exec Director of CBMS, is here today as a demonstration of his support for our efforts. Thank you, Ron

Now for the four priorities
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