



## NMLSTA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

June 11, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Motion to accept meeting agenda.

Moved by:

Second by:

Action:

### I. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Board Member	Present	Board Member	Present
Loris (Lori) Chen	x	David Amidon		Mary Lou Lipscomb	x
Alison Seymour	x	Kathy Biernat		Corinne (Cori) Nelson	
Anne Farley Schoeffler		Suzanne Cunningham	x	Edralin Pagarigan	
Elizabeth (Liz) Martinez		David Curry	x	Vicky Burn Shea	x
Jodie Harnden	x	Covey Denton		Kristin Slota	x
		Sharyon Holness		Corydon (Cordy) Strawser	
		Carrie Jones	x	Elizabeth Weismann	x
		Peter Kelly	x	Kathy Brooks (NSTA)	x

### I. Review/Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2023, meeting.

Moved by: Suzanne Cunningham

Seconded by: Alison Seymour

Action: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### I. Old Business

- A. Idea of the Month 2023-2024 (Peter), Suzanne (July), Alison (August), Elizabeth (Sept), Vicky (Oct), Peter (Nov). Kathy Brooks will share NMLSTA's Idea of Month at next NSTA Middle Teachers Committee meeting.
- B. NMLSTA Early Career Teacher Network Committee is scheduled to meet with NSTA Monday, July 10, 2023. Hold until committee meets July 10.

No action required. The committee will report to the Board at the July 16, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting.

## I. **New Business**

### A. Treasurer's Report (Jodie)

1. End-of-Year 2022-2023: Income from membership \$3,400.
2. Budget for 2023-2024: Expenditures for 2023.2024 will come to \$4645. Used funds from Money Market account to balance 2023.2024 budget. Many fixed costs each budget year, half of our expenditures is for promoting NMLSTA. We must increase our membership. A formal copy of the budget was sent to the board as a PDF excel file.
3. Dave Curry asked about the acceptance of corporate donations. Mary Lou stated that NMLSTA receives a large donation for its Meet and Greet at annual NSTA meetings (\$4,000 in 2023).
4. Elizabeth stated we have 307 active members, 12 new members joined in May, and some archived members renewed their membership. Dave asked about tracking newsletter readership and voting. Mary Lou stated 50 members voted in our election, and 45 members voted on the constitution. According to Wild Apricot about half our membership (150) opened our e-mails. Lori stated that major issues for our membership are that we do not know where they live, some may not receive our e-mails, and some are unsubscribed.

Motion to approve proposed 2023-2024 Budget. There will be two weeks to review the budget; budget will be voted on via e-vote.

Motion to Approve:

Second:

Action:

### A. Preliminary Planning Discussion - Objectives for 2023-2024

1. 1.Increase member engagement in NMLSTA.
  - a. (State level) Alison getting a list of state organizations set up. Alison will draft a letter of introduction for the state organizations.
  - b. We would want to collaborate with them via the exchange of web sites, newsletters, webinar information.
  - c. Main goal is to develop networks with these organizations.

Build communities and networks. We would have to await replies to our introduction letter to see if interest occurs. We must also address sponsor partnerships policy and procedures (Lori).

- a. As a 501C3 organization we may accept donations. Major questions: What can we offer donators? Who may we accept donations from?

- b. For non-profit organizations we might offer webinars and presentations. We have no clear policy guidelines on this matter.
  - c. Dave: possibly connect with corporations (FOSSE, Carolina Supply) to fund board and general membership trips to NSTA conferences.
2. 2. Advocate for middle level science education.
- a. Alison, 24 e-mails were sent out after the NSTA conference, however, we only received three replies, and these were negative.
  - b. Need to send letters to presenters at Share-a-Thons and webinars. Mary Lou has a draft letter.
  - c. Need to identify small and medium-sized businesses to support us.

Programming for 2023-2024 (Mary Lou): 1. three scheduled webinars this fall: September, October, and November. MySciLife (Meet-N-Greet sponsor for NSTA 2024 in Denver) will give a presentation in spring 2024, possible to have scholarship recipient presentation in spring, 2024?

Jam board link sent via email. Do not restrict to members only, sometimes webinars are 50% nonmembers, receive valid comments via jam board.

Standing Committee Reports (alphabetical order):

AoA (Liz): New meeting in late June; Suzanne will attend. NSTA is working on updating their governance policies.

Awards (Anne)

Membership (Elizabeth): membership updates needed. Listing of school/state member on form is not required, and it is difficult to obtain this information from NSTA.

Middle Level NSTA (Kathy Brooks): next general committee meeting July 10 at 7pm. At 8pm, two initiatives will be discussed: networking set up for new technologies, vetting resources for new teachers and mentors.

Scope Advisory (Cordy): No meeting (info from Kathy Brooks)

Technology and Communication (Lori): Continue to work on website and update leadership page. Create an Awards page, post upcoming grant application information. Note: anyone may post in the NMLSTA forum section.

- I. For the good of the order/Announcements
- I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Next meeting July 16, 2023, 1:00 PM Eastern.

Moved by Kathy Brooks.

Seconded by Mary Lou.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Next meeting July 16, 2023, 1:00 PM Eastern.