



NMLSTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

I. Call to Order

Motion to accept meeting agenda.

Moved by: Anne Schoeffler

Second by: Mary Lou Lipscomb

Action: Accepted

II. 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	x	Suzanne Cunningham	x	Vicky Burn Shea	
Elizabeth (Liz) Martinez		David Curry	x	Kristin Slota	x
Jodie Harnden		Sharyon Holness		Corydon (Cordy) Strawser	
		Carrie Jones		Elizabeth Weismann	
		Peter Kelly	x	Kathy Brooks (NSTA)	x

III. Review/Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2023, meeting. Note:

Moved by: Alison Seymour

Seconded by: Suzanne Cunningham

Action: Accepted

IV. Old Business

A. Outreach to State Science Associations (Alison)

E-mails were sent to state science organizations as follows:

1. 40 emails sent
2. 3 Undeliverable emails
3. 10 emails yet to be identified for state organizations or they require a form on their websites.
4. Nine organizations have already emailed back and are interested planning and discussion to be continued in the breakout room.

No action required.

B. Fall Classroom Teacher Awards (Anne)

1. Opening date: August 27
2. Closing date: October 2 (11:59 PM)
3. Budget approved for up to five (5) \$200.00 awards for Fall 2023, total expenditure limited to \$1,000. No action required.

Award reviewers: Alison Seymour and Kathy Biernat; contact Anne to volunteer

CommStanding Committee Reports (alphabetical order)

AOA (Liz)

No meetings have taken place since June.

Awards (Anne)

See old business for classroom teacher Awards update.

Conferences & Webinars (Mary Lou)

Webinars set for September-December. Possible new webinar source for January. See appended report of meeting with NSTA regarding affiliates and national conferences.

Membership (Elizabeth)

As of August 16, 2023:

298 active members, 52 overdue renewals, 5 lapsed, 8 new

Brainstorming action to build membership to take place in breakout session.

Middle Level Teaching (Liz//Kathy Brooks)

Next NSTA meeting is in September.

Further discussion of NMLSTA involvement will continue during the breakout session.

See appended discussion outline for breakout session.

Scope Advisory (Cordy)

No meetings for the Scope Advisory Committee.

Treasurer (Jodie)

See Treasurer's report in the NMLSTA drive.

Technology and Communication (Lori/Peter)

Please use the Forum to post notices of events, workshops, and competitions of interest to middle level educators. You must be logged in to post. Contact Peter Kelly regarding Idea of the Month submissions.

V. Topic Breakout Sessions and Reporting

A. Governance, Policies, and Procedures- Facilitator, Anne

Reviewed wording on various portions of the By-Laws.

B. Building Membership and Engagement- Facilitator, Alison

Responding states will be contacted by Board members to offer posting on each others websites, communication through social media and newsletters of selected events, especially those open to non-members. Action Item: Alison will send out emails to Board members who volunteered to help.

C. Early Career Teacher Network - Facilitator, Lori)

Committee discussed the questions and added a question about how teachers received the survey.

VI. New Business

Next meeting: September 10, 2023

VII. For the good of the order/Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Next meeting September 10, 2023, 1:00 PM Eastern.

Moved by: Kathy Brooks

Second by: Anne Schoeffler

Action: Accepted

Appendix A. Program Report

Appendix B. Early Career Teacher Network Meeting Outli

Appendix A Program Report

Moving forward with plans for the Denver Share-a-Thon.

I met with Jessica Eaton (NSTA), Tricia Shelton (NSTA), and Jennifer Williams (NSTA Early Childhood and Elementary Director who coordinates the Elementary SaT) on August 2, to discuss things that we thought went well and things that did not go well in Atlanta. After some discussion it was decided that in Denver:

1. The various Share-a-Thons would be held on different days.
2. Concurrent sessions for Elementary or Middle Level will not be held at the same time as their Share-a-Thons. This will enable presenters who have been accepted for a concurrent session to also present at a SaT. (High School is not doing a SaT in Denver—I think the only other Share-a-Thon will be Informal Education)
3. NSTA will attempt to get sponsorship from various vendors to support each SaT and it would be up to us how to spend it.

The possibility of having a day primarily devoted to Elementary and one for Middle Level was discussed, but that will need to be more clearly thought out.

The call for proposals will be open September 1-30, with the expectation that all concurrent session presenters will be notified by December. Share-a-Thon presentations may continue to be submitted until a later date.

We also discussed some of the technical logistics of using the NSTA site and the possibility that each SaT coordinator would have a specific place on the NSTA site for their presenters to sign up.

Jessica Eaton will be my direct contact. She just started with NSTA and has experience with educational event planning. All of the NSTA Conference people, with whom I worked previously, left after the Atlanta Conference.

Appendix B Early Career Teacher Network

Early Career Teacher Network Discussion

NMLSTA Meeting 8.20.23

Intro: (2 min) Task, Impacts, Norms

Task: Develop ideas that will help support early career middle school science educators.

Impacts:

- Increase quality of science education
- Increase teacher retention
- Increase need for/value of NMLSTA

Norms:

- Step Up, Step Back. Be mindful of taking up much more time than others. On the same note, empower yourself to speak up when others are dominating the conversation.
- Listen respectfully, without interrupting.
- Don't present objections as flat dismissals.

Survey: (3min)

Kathy Brooks – survey to gather data about needs of teachers

Results of survey will be used to help develop some strategies for NMLSTA/Middle Level Teaching to implement

- How long have you been teaching science?
- What do you love most about teaching?
- What do you think are the biggest challenges you are facing?
- Has your state adopted the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)?
- What types of support can a national science teaching organization offer that you may find useful?
- What specific types of resources most interest you?
- How would you like the resources to be shared?
- If you are a mentor of a new teacher, what support do you need to better assist your mentee?

Suggestions for strategies: (20 min)

Summary: (3 min)

Next Steps: (2 min)