



NMLSTA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

July 16, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

I. Call to Order

Motion to accept meeting agenda.

Moved by: Anne Schoeffler

Second by: Suzanne Cunningham

Action: Passed unanimously

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Board Member	Present	Board Member	Present
Loris (Lori) Chen	x	David Amidon	x	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	x	David Curry	x	Kristin Slota	
Jodie Harnden		Sharyon Holness	x	Corydon (Cordy) Strawser	
		Carrie Jones	x	Elizabeth Weismann	
		Peter Kelly	x	Kathy Brooks (NSTA)	x

III. Review/Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2023, meeting.

Note: Thanks to Suzanne Cunningham for recording the minutes. Spelling edits made.

Moved by: Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Mary Lou Lipscomb.

Seconded by: Alison Seymour

Action: Passed unanimously

IV. Old Business

A. Budget for 2023-2024

Motion to approve and adopt the proposed 2023-2024 budget with the stipulation that expenditures not specified will require an approval by the Board. Wild Apricot billing on October 1, 2023 will be \$2,552.

Discussion

Lori Chen - Currently 303 members. Projection for income for membership is optimistic, which may be warranted due to increase in membership dues to \$20.

Wild Apricot is one of the largest expenses. It is possible to switch from Professional Account to Community Account in October and will save \$1000 dollars. The only service difference is 500 members would be maximum contacts. This would help bring expected expenses and income into alignment. Save 10% by paying annually.

Other fees in budget are necessary for NMLSTA's existence.

\$75 for Hurd Award is for the poster. Mary Lou Lipscomb donated the cost of the poster last year. Possibly offer the winner the poster. Kathy Brooks suggested that going forward to make poster as a traditional one that can be rolled up and mailed to the winner.

Classroom Teacher Awards amount accounts for 10 recipients/year.

Moved by: Motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget as written with the intention to revisit the budget in September when more information about Wild Apricot is available made by Anne Schoeffler

Seconded by: Dave Curry

Action: Passed unanimously

B. By-Laws Revision (Anne)

In good shape thus far except for two areas. Document in shared drive for all to see. Please look at the document to see proposed changes and rationales.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fo_2UDzHG-4MgqMpQLAoHq6OXh3Ecf4ztCiSWpbHQ0/edit

Committee meets next week.

Section 5, H – Indemnification of Board Members, Exemplars will be forthcoming from NSTA, Topic needs to be covered at a future NMLSTA board meeting

<https://www.thehortongroup.com/resources/nonprofit-board-of-directors-liabilities/#:~:text=Although%20the%20members%20of%20the,because%20of%20their%20business%20decisions>

Elections Section – Topic needs to be covered at a future NMLSTA board meeting

Communications and Technology need to be separated

Action: Indemnification and Elections will be discussed at future board of directors meeting

C. Reaching out to state science teaching associations (Alison)

Drafted email to send to explain the rationale, purpose, and potential ideas for collaboration. Positive feedback from board. In August, Alison will send personalized email to each state organization.

Lori Chen – Would like to make this a separate committee of which Alison Seymour will chair.

Action: New committee formed. Alison Seymour will chair.

V. Standing Committee Reports (alphabetical order)

AOA (Liz/Suzanne)

Suzanne Cunningham - National Congress on Science Education Meeting June 2023

(Document sent to Board members) Summary of conference below:

1. Communication – ESSENTIAL
 - a. COG's/Districts <> NSTA <> teachers <> Districts/COGs
 - b. What is DEI AND we must be more inclusive in our definition (time for NMLSTA to engage in some manner?)
2. Interaction – (not just board members, reach out to members to take part)
 - a. District quarterly meetings
 - b. Invite COGs to take part, too.

- c. Include educ industry/affiliates who's offices in those districts?
 - d. An NMLSTA member, not necessarily a board member could do this.
- 3. Involvement - (best way for us to increase our membership)
 - a. At any NSTA conference NMLSTA gets opportunities to present a poster and hold Meet Me in the Middle/Meet N Greet
 - b. Such activities are imperative for us to maintain our membership

Liz Martinez - AoA met with NSTA for focus group meeting regarding issues, concerns, potential actions. Concerns raised – Changes to conferences and our events, especially MMITM, and the negative impacts the changes are having on NMLSTA ; Communication – Assist with promoting awareness, advertising,

Awards (Anne) – Nothing to share currently, August meeting will discuss

Conferences & Webinars (Mary Lou) –

Conferences – Mary Lou Lipscomb was to meet with Tricia Shelton in June, but did not happen. Not participating in Kansas City.

Webinars – Beginning to schedule

October – Polar Educators International

November – Atlantic Outreach Program (Lori Chen is arranging)

December - Dave Curry Ice Core Science & the Search for Oldest Ice for Paleo Climate Science

Kathy Brooks offered her Zoom account

Membership (Elizabeth)

Current membership 303 (16 renewal overdue, 8 lapsed, 5 new)

Middle Level Teaching (Liz/Kathy Brooks)

Report from NSTA Committee meeting with NMLSTA representatives, July 10. 2023

2/2024 – First digital journals will be out, Joint meeting with several NMLSTA board members attending for discussions Network for New Teachers, Mentoring/Providing Resources for New Teachers – Several ideas offered, Decided to survey for what new teachers need in regard to support, NSTA President, Julie Luft, very supportive

9/11/23 next meeting

Lori Chen – Positive for NMLSTA in many regards

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 Kelly)

Lori Chen - Information is needed from new Board members for the Leader page of the website.

Revised Constitution to be added.

New subpage has been added to the website for listing past Webinar topics.

Idea of the Month for July, August, and September.

Peter Kelly – Idea of the Month. Will solicit more idea volunteers in the fall.

VI. New Business

VII. For the good of the order/Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Next meeting August 20, 2023, 1:00 PM Eastern.

Moved by: Kathy Brooks

Seconded by: Anne Schoeffler

Action: Passed unanimously, Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm Eastern