



## NMLSTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

### I. Call to Order

Motion to accept meeting agenda.

Moved by: Suzanne Cunningham

Second by: Anne Schoeffler

Action: Accepted

### 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		David Curry	X	Kristin Slota	X
Jodie Harnden	X	Sharyon Holness	X	Elizabeth Weismann	X
		Carrie Jones	X	Kathy Brooks (NSTA)	X
		Peter Kelly	X	Vacancy	

### III. Review/Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2023, meeting. Note: with minor edits

Moved by: Mary Lou Lipscomb

Seconded by: Sharyon Holness

Action: Approved

### IV. Old Business

#### A. Wild Apricot Account (Lori)

The billing Department of Wild Apricot was contacted by email August 28, 2023 to request a change of level from professional to community. the following is the reply:

Per your request, your account <https://nmlsta.wildapricot.org/> (213697) has been downgraded to the Community Plan. The 1-Year Community Plan will cost \$1512.00 USD. The invoice will be emailed to the billing contact on file about 30 days before the renewal date of 2023-10-11.

By then, the invoice may also be viewed/paid by logging in as a full account administrator to the Dashboard of your account, selecting Settings > Account and clicking on the View/Print/Resend Invoice button. All payment instructions may be found on the invoice and payment methods include PayPal (click the Pay Now button at the bottom) or check (mailing address located at the bottom of the invoice).

Lori noted that this change has occurred and the adjustments were made for next fiscal year..

#### B. Conferences and Webinars (Mary Lou)

Program Coordinator Report 9/10/2023

##### 1. Webinars scheduled so far

**Sept.14** Charles Fulco No Child Left Inside! How to Ensure Every Student Sees the Upcoming U.S. Solar Eclipses

**Oct.12** Dave Curry Exploring Paleoclimate Science from COLDEX and AMS's Project ICE

**Nov.** Lori Chen (no date or title yet) Transatlantic Outreach Program

**Dec. 7** Bekkah Lampe (no title yet) NOAA

**Jan.** in contact with possible presenter (book author)

**Feb. 22** Katy Garvy (no title yet) MySciLife

2. Denver 24 – NSTA Conference, March 20-23, 2024

**Conference individual presentations:**

I have been told by Trish Shelton that NMLSTA will have the same number of presentations as we did in Atlanta. However, Denver has some different kinds of presentations that weren't available in Atlanta, so she is on my list to contact to make sure we comply.

I have created an interest survey that is on the NMLSTA website and was sent via newsletter to the membership on September 5<sup>th</sup>. I also want to make sure that all the presentations for NMLSTA are being done by members. All proposals for NMLSTA presentations will need to be sent to Mary Lou by the end of September and hopefully by then I will hear from Trish how they will need to be titled so that they are recognized as a NMLSTA member presentation.

**Share-a-Thon presentations**

NSTA has revised the Share-a-Thon proposal process to be (hopefully) less confusing than it was last year. Each SaT organizer will have control over who is invited to present at their SaT. As I indicated in my September report, NSTA has planned to have the SaT during different times/days. NSTA is also gathering contact information from presenters who have an interest in presenting during the Share-a-Thons, and will pass that information along in October. We will also be able to invite people from our own lists to participate. NSTA will have a special link for SaT presenters to use for submitting proposals which will hopefully be open until December or January. NSTA wants to play a more active role in SaTs and has asked us how to do this.

I'm meeting with Jessica Eaton, the other 2 organizers and possibly Trish Shelton on Monday 9/11 to discuss the Share-a-Thon details.

3. Solicitation of donors for SaTs; Alison and Mary Lou

- a. New donor document has been developed (Kathy Biernat developed graphic design); only scholarships list a specific value; NMLSTA mission statement will be included.
- b. We will need to contact possible donors, and Mary Lou is looking for board members who are willing to assist in this endeavor. Lori will send out an email to the board on this matter.

4. The NMLSTA flyer needs updating: (Kathy Biernat might develop)  
Conference materials are included in the budget. No action required.

### **C. Bylaws (Anne)**

1. Review and discussion of Bylaws revisions. Action required on two line items:
  - a) Indemnification of board has been reworded.
  - b) Qualifications of directors have been rectified.
2. Next steps:
  - a) Review of side-by-side draft by BOD in January.
  - b) Review of side-by-side draft by membership in February.
  - c) Vote to approve or reject by BOD in March.
  - d) Presentation to membership, ideally in Denver in March.

### Standing Committee Reports (alphabetical order)

#### AOA (Liz)

No meetings

#### Awards (Anne)

1. Zero applications submitted so far.
2. Applications close October 2.
3. I have reached out to last fall's winners to see if they have photos or an Idea-of-the-Month to share. Two addresses were no longer active.
4. I have also sent an inquiry to FOSS about sponsoring the Hurd Award again.

#### Conferences & Webinars (Mary Lou)

Report was given under Old Business.

#### Early Career Teacher Network (Kristin)

No meetings since the August 20 breakout session. David Curry, Vicky Burn Shea, and Kathy Biernat are on this committee. This committee is also working with the Middle Level Teaching committee.

#### Middle Level Teaching (Liz/Kathy Brooks)

Proposals for NSTA in Denver (March 2024) may now be submitted.

NSTA proposal reviewers may sign up; more needed.

Next NSTA meeting is September 11 at 7:30 P.M. Discussion: Resources for new teachers and/or mentors.

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

See appended discussion outline for breakout session.

Scope Advisory (Vacancy)

Peter Kelly declared an interest in serving on this committee.

Kathy Brooks will contact Patti McGinnis.

No meetings for the Scope Advisory Committee.

State Affiliates Networking (Alison)

- Ten states (Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, South Dakota, and Virginia) have responded and are being followed up with emails and zoom meetings.
- The first types of collaborations being suggested are representation on each other's websites, and mentions in newsletters and on social media.

Membership (Elizabeth)

Elizabeth noted that the joint NSTA/NMLSTA membership application lists our dues at \$10.00. Elizabeth was recommended to contact Ozzie at NSTA on this matter.

NSTA will set the joint due value.

Treasurer (Jodie)

See Treasurer's report in the NMLSTA drive.

Technology and Communication (Lori/Peter)

Website maintenance is ongoing.

V. New Business

VI. For the good of the order/Announcements

1. Suzanne stated she will be presenting at the HASTI (IN) mini-conference October 14. She will share information about NMLSTA at the middle level discussion session.
2. Lori stated New Jersey has adopted OpenCyad, an "open table" virtual PLC for early teachers. Peter Kelly and Kathy Brooks are familiar with this program and discussions about a possible webinar ensued.

VII. Adjournment

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

Moved by: Alison Sepmour

Second by: Mary Lou Lipscomb

Action: Accepted