



NMLSTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

I. Call to Order

Motion to accept meeting agenda.

Moved by: Anne Schoeffler

Second by: Alison Seymour

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

III. Review/Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2023, meeting.

Moved by: Anne Schoeffler with amendments.

Seconded by: Sharyon Holmes

Action: Accepted

IV. Old Business

A. Conferences and Webinars (Mary Lou)

1. Webinars: folder in shared drive with webinar dates, including the January and February 2024 dates.
2. On October 19, David Curry spoke about his summer involvement in a teacher professional development course on “Paleoclimate Science and COLDEX’s Search for Earth’s Oldest Ice. Anne Schoeffler will be speaking about her experience as part of the Council of Polar Educators International.
3. Denver 2024: Registration for NSTA 2024 will most likely open in November.

B. Bylaws (Anne) The bylaws will be presented at the NMLSTA board meeting held at NSTA 2024 in Denver.

Standing Committee Reports (alphabetical order)

AoA (Liz)

Awards (Anne) No applications for awards have been received. The deadline has been extended to October 16, and another email will be sent out. Alison stated award applications have been extended before, and she will add information to our Facebook page. Other discussions: displaying awards at the NMLSTA Share-A-Thon in Denver, Anne is communicating with Foss.

Conferences and Webinars (Mary Lou) see Old Business.

Membership (Elizabeth): We currently have 252 active members in NMLSTA. Jodie stated members can renew their memberships via Wild Apricot before October 11.

Middle Level Teaching (Liz)

The Scope Advisory (Corie) Committee has not met.

NMLSTA Idea of the Month: November-Elizabeth Warren, December-Anne Schoefler, January-David Curry, February-Alison, March-Vicky Shea, and April-Kristen Slota.

State Affiliations (Alison): The addition of Pennsylvania makes 11 state science affiliations which have joined our network. Alison will set up a web page to show the network with associated state affiliations. Lori would like a document to set up showing contact names and web site links. Information about our October and November webinars will be sent to these groups as well as posted in our newsletter.

Technology and Communication (Lori): An ongoing project. The leadership page will not let Lori save changes; thus, she will create a new page.

V. New Business

- A. Treasurer's Report (Jodie): See postings in drive. We have received two renewals and paid one bill. Wild Apricot fee has been paid.
- B. Liz Martinez' retirement from board for personal reasons. The board acknowledged her previous service. Lori made a motion to appoint Suzanne as secretary. Anne accepted Lori's motion, Mary Lou seconded the motion, and the board approved the motion to appoint Suzanne as secretary.
- C. Lori made a motion to appoint Kristin Slota to represent NMLSTA at AoA. Suzanne accepted Lori's motion, Alison seconded the motion, and the board approved the motion to appoint Kristen as the NMLSTA rep to AoA.
- D. Lori discussed NMLSTA's participation in the Scope Advisory Council once it reactivates. Peter Kelly volunteered to serve as the NMLSTA representative to this committee. Anne made a motion to approve Peter as representative to the Scope Advisory Council, Sharyon seconded the motion, and the board approved the motion.
- E. Discussions about NMLSTA board vacancy: hold off making an appointment, looking for interested person to apply for the remainder of the term which expires May 2024. Mary Lou will place an announcement in our newsletter, and Lori will contact those who show an interest in this position.

VI. Discussions

- A. Early Career Teaching Network. Kristin attended the meeting with Kathy Brooks, NSTA liaison, and NSTA is awaiting feedback from the survey that was sent out. Kristin how this survey was distributed, whom it was sent to, nor when it was due. Kathy Brooks will curate materials at NSTA and is awaiting the NSTA committee report. The committee discussed assisting new NMLSTA teachers with services and lessons to implement NGSS standards into their classes. Also, if your state has special standards NSTA would work with that state to show how NGSS fits into their state standards. At our board meeting, Kristen brought up mentorship as a possible way in which NMLSTA can assist young teachers. It would be important to personalize mentorships. Lori stated we might tap into our NMLSTA membership to look for volunteers, and NMLSTA might serve as a resource. One question: how to get matches? Alison stated the more personal, the better. It is important for colleagues to work together in these endeavors. Lori stated this might be a way in which we utilize our state affiliates.
- B. Early Career Teacher Network committee: Board members stated it was difficult to navigate national and state conference websites. Peter mentioned that his state affiliate held a “Rookie Science Weekend” and invited various companies to it. Kristen stated West Chester held a mini-teachers conference. Kristen: should we start holding monthly meetings? Lori, yes. Kristen asked Dave if he could run such a meeting, and Anne stated she could set up the Zoom calls.

VII. For the good of the order/Announcements

- A. Dave mentioned NSTA is still accepting proposals for the Denver meetings.
- B. We will have one poster to highlight our early career teacher networking at the NMLSTA Share-A-Thon in Denver.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Next meeting November 5, 2023, 1:00 PM Eastern.

Moved by: Dave

Seconded by: Suzanne

Action: approved

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