



NMLSTA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

October 17, 2021
Eastern Time 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Central Time 11:00-12 p.m.
Pacific Time 10:00 p.m.
UK Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1 pm Eastern Time.

II. **Roll Call:**

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| Edralin Pagarigan | Present |
| Alison Seymour | Present |
| Elizabeth (Liz) Martinez | Present |
| Jodie Harnden | Present |
| Anne Farley Schoeffler | Present |
| Sergio de Alba | |
| Kathy Ann Biernat | |
| Kathy Brooks | Present |
| Loris (Lori) Chen | Present |
| Covey Denton | Present |
| Barbara Dunham | |
| Peter Kelly | |
| Mary Lou Lipscomb | Present |
| Corinne (Cori) Nelson | Present |

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| Bailey O'Reilly | Present |
| Melissa Sleeper | Present |
| Kristin Slota | Present |
| Corydon Strawser | Present |
| Elizabeth Weissman | |
| Heather Anglin | Present |

III. Minutes from September 12 meeting

- Corrections needed and made: Par to Pagarigan, Cordy to Cordy Strawser, Clarify check deposit conversation by amending bullet point position under treasurer's report, Change date of next Constitution Committee Meeting from October 28 to October 18.
- Motion made to accept minutes as corrected: Alison Seymour
- Seconded: Anne Schoeffler
- Motion to accept minutes passed unanimously

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Renewal of MOU with NSTA (please read the MOU prior to the meeting)
- Anne Schoeffler: Asked if signing this MOU had been done in past
 - Alison Seymour, Kathy Brooks, Mary Lou Lipscomb: Has been done with joint membership, Appears to be standard, general document, Need to decide if it something is incorrect are we able to accept contract, Not a working document, Approve or not
 - Lori Chen: NSTA name changed requires new contract
 - Edralin Pagarigan: Renew MOU annually
 - Melissa Sleeper: AOA has yet to see updated strategic planning document, Potential to change MOU wording based on strategic planning document
 - Alison Seymour, Kathy Brooks: Change "chapter" to "affiliate"
 - General discussion and agreement
 - Motion made to sign the MOU with suggestion that if possible, change chapter to affiliate: Anne Schoeffler
 - Seconded: Melissa Sleeper
 - Motion to sign MOU passed unanimously
- B. NSTA Conference in Houston (MMITM)– c/o Mary Lou Lipscomb
- MMITM (Meet Me in the Middle)
 - NSTA not supporting traditional format due to need of 4 continuous rooms for presentations
 - As of 10/17/21 there are 24 days left to get presentation proposals submitted
 - 17 people expressed interest in presenting, currently 3 have submitted proposals
 - Several Board members interested in presenting
 - Deadline to send to Mary Lou – Monday, October 18 to Mary Lou
 - Deadline to submit proposal to NSTA – October 26, midnight
 - Share-a-thon will be 2 hours. Description of share-a-thon provided in chat
 - Uncertain regarding door prizes

- Mary Lou will send emails regarding deadlines
- Melissa Sleeper: NSTA new criteria for selecting proposals, Lacking same size staff had to plan previous National conferences
- General Board discussion regarding attendance policies and COVID protocol for venue workers and attendees
 - Substitute shortage across the country
 - Travel restrictions for many, such as no out of state
 - NSTA requiring masks, COVID vaccines, or proof of negative COVID test
 - Venue employees do not have to share vaccination nor testing status with NSTA
- Melissa Sleeper will bring up the concern about states having inconsistent health policies in effect, so will NSTA requirements be upheld during strategic planning meeting 10/18/21

C. Upcoming Monthly Webinars - Mary Lou Lipscomb, Anne Schoeffler

- Anne Schoeffler: October is *Poems of the Planets: Solar System Science in Verse and Prose*, Speaker Eric Garen, attended last webinar to gain insight into the event
- No webinars in November and December:
- Melissa Sleeper: Infiniscope, Place based education at its best, Stored forever, Finding 360 camera can be challenge – Infiniscope considering loaner program, Can use cell phones too although not as clear
- Edralin Pagarigan: Can add student activities during transitions
- Liz Martinez: via chat Potential Presenters: [| Department of Integrative Biology | Oregon State University](#) , [| Taylor Chapple | College of Agricultural Sciences | Oregon State University](#)

D. Discussion about “We are Thankful...” – Alison Seymour, Bailey O’Reilly

- Received 8 Classroom Award applications, Currently under review, Contact applicants first week of November
- Working on “We are thankful for...” campaign, Launch 11/1/21, Drawing 11/21/21

E. Constitution Committee – Anne Schoeffler

- First meeting committee reviewed and made suggestions for Amendments 1 & 2, Suzanne Cunningham & Anne Schoeffler were in attendance
- Recommendations posted in drive
- Next meeting 10/18, Zoom link will be sent today, Purpose to review amendment 3
- Concerns about reaching members as 2/3 of membership must approve changes prior to implementation
- Possible ideas include posting on NSTA listserv, offering incentive such as free Science Scope article, mailing postcards, NMLSTA only has email addresses, NSTA doesn’t share mailing addresses
- Bailey O’Reilly, Kathy Brooks: Growing membership, Large majority join because of dual-membership, Word of mouth, Sharing at conference sessions
- Lori Chen: When presenting vote to membership, put suggested changes into two categories – Existing wording & proposed changes, Acceptance of changes based on percentage of votes submitted rather than 2/3 of membership voting yes
- Bailey O’Reilly: Ask members to contact NMLSTA with concerns, If not questions don’t reply, No reply that counts as yes vote
- Mary Lou Lipscomb: Allow 1 – 2 month lead time between sending email regarding proposed changes prior to voting

- Conversation shifted to Regional conferences
- Mary Lou Lipscomb: Develop and share NMLSTA slide to incorporate in session ppt, Mail NMLSTA table banner to Cordy
- Cordy Strawser: Just received confirmation of session, Worked with NSTA to clarify safety

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

- Middle Level Teaching Committee: Heather Anglin – First meeting December 8, Quarterly report, Seeking volunteers to serve on proposal review committee – Anne Schoeffler, Liz Martinez volunteered, Edralin Pagarigan will forward names, Please send Heather any ideas about the plan, which will be shared on the meeting agenda
- Science Scope: Cordy Strawser – No updates
- AOA: Melissa Sleeper: No meetings, Will be attending all board and council meetings, Strategic planning retreat – worked on NSTA strategic plan, Ready to review in December, Meeting was strong, positive, and all appear to be on same page

ADJOURNING MEETING:

- Edralin Pagarigan asked for motion to adjourn meeting.
- Kathy Brooks made motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Melissa Sleeper seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 2:02 pm Eastern Time