



NMLSTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 18, 2021

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm EST.
- II. Roll Call:
 - Anne Fraley Schoeffler
 - Alison Seymour
 - Bailey O'Reilly
 - Barbara Dunham
 - Corydon (Cordy) Strawser
 - Covey Denton
 - Elizabeth (Liz) Martinez
 - Elizabeth Weismann
 - Heather Anglin
 - Jodie Harnden
 - Kathy Brooks
 - Kristin Slota
 - Loris (Lori) Chen
 - Mary Lou Lipscomb
 - Melissa Sleeper
 - Peter Kelly
- III. Minutes from June 24, 2021 Meeting
 - Edralin went through minutes
 - **Kathy Brooks made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.**
 - **Mary Lou Lipscomb seconded the motion.**
 - **Minutes accepted and passed unanimously.**
- IV. Old Business Anne Schoeffler shared there is a Presidents meeting prior to Board meetings.
 - A. Technology Committee: Technology Committee document and ByLaws: Anne Schoeffler
 - Very few comments on the documents when sent out again, so they are ready.

- B. Upcoming Webinars: Mary Lou Lipscomb, Anne Schoeffler
- August 11 – Emily Omg, Girls Who Code
 - <https://girlswhocode.com/>
 - September 30 – Katy Garvey, Source for Learning, My Science Life
 - <https://www.sourceforlearning.org/home>
 - Presenters needed for October and November
 - Refer to Additional Discussions for positive feedback on July’s webinar
- C. NSTA Fall Conferences: Mary Lou Lipscomb
- 3 in the fall for 2021
 - National Harbor, MD: Cordy Strawser and Elizabeth Weisman presenting
 - Portland, OR: Jodie Harnden presenting
 - Los Angeles, CA: Liz Martinez presenting
 - First time NMLSTA has had presenters for all 3 fall regional conferences
 - No regional conferences for 2022 as there are 2 national conferences
 - NSTA national conferences applications will open late summer
 - People know MMITM more than NMLSTA
 - Mary Lou Lipscomb will be in contact with Donna Fletcher, NSTA, regarding Meet Me in the Middle for national conference(s)
- D. Awards Committee: Alison Seymour
- 4 applications, all earned Classroom Award
 - Low number of applicants might be attributed to burn out
 - Winners have been notified, announced on NMLSTA website and Facebook page
 - Not all asked for full monetary amount
 - Thus \$640 available for this cycle of awards
 - Next gift card topic centered around idea of, “What are you looking forward to doing most in your science class next year?”
 - Fall Classroom Award will be announced the beginning of September with submission deadline end of September. This will get the award cycle back on schedule. Will provide space between Classroom Award and Hurd Award applications.
 - Those interested in assuming Awards Committee Chair contact Alison. Opportunity to shadow Alison to learn processes.
- E. Idea of the Month
- August: Anne Schoeffler & Bailey O’Reilly – World Water Monitoring Day and Water Quality
 - September: Kristin Slota – Algae Academy
 - October: Elizabeth Weissman
 - November: Melissa Sleeper – James Webb Telescope
 - December: Bailey O’Reilly
 - January: Cordy Strawser – CRISPR
 - February: Barbara Dunham – How to Teach Students to Research
 - March: Lori Chen – Climate Change Resources

- April: Heather Anglin – Nature of Science & Big Bang Theory
- May: Anne Schoeffler
- June: Alison Seymour – Membership
- Increasing membership participation discussion
 - Mary Lou Lipscomb – Wild Apricot isn't open access, School firewalls often block NMLSTA emails
 - Elizabeth Weissman – NMLSTA has only email addresses
 - Anne Schoeffler – Suggested NSTA listserv with message such as, "If you haven't heard from us let us know."
 - Mary Lou Lipscomb – Suggested changing contents of membership renewal email with message such as, "If you haven't been getting newsletter check with your tech department." More webinar participants come from NSTA listerv than from NMLSTA emails.
 - Anne Schoeffler – Suggested personal email
 - Elizabeth Weissman – Suggested to include message such as, "Please make sure to set it so NMLSTA emails don't go to spam. Concerned about number of emails being excessive.
 - Kristin Slota – Agreed about overwhelming amount of emails particularly this past year. Suggested to mail a hard copy to membership and volunteered to take care of her area.
 - Kathy Brooks – NMLSTA doesn't receive emails when people purchase joint membership
 - Kristin Slota – Suggested similar approach to Alison Seymour's gift cards provided when members participate in question of the quarter. If your referral joins, then you earn a gift. Mary Lou Lipscomb has been working on this, for example a 15% off card from a science vendor. Difficult to get from vendors.
 - Peter Kelly – Suggested posting on NMLSTA website statement such as, "Please check to see if you're getting NMLSTA emails and newsletters."
 - Heather Anglin – Suggested using <https://whova.com/>. She had used with the Maryland Education Association.

F. Committee Ideas (Updating the Constitution and reaching out or accessing the members)

- Website Revision Update: Anne Schoeffler
 - Liz Martinez – Little progress. Need input from tech committee. Amount budgeted for hiring web designer is larger than any other amount for hiring person. Is there a process that needs to be followed for this size expenditure?
 - Mary Lou Lipscomb suggested contacting NMLSTA lawyer.
 - Anne Schoeffler – Committee needs to meet separately.

- Constitution Updates: Anne Schoeffler
 - Have been wanting to update for a while.
 - Anne Schoeffler, Kathy Brooks, Liz Martinez, Lori Chen, Mary Lou Lipscomb volunteered. Look for email from Anne.
 - Mary Lou Lipscomb – Suggested invite to include all NMLSTA members and revise one section at a time.
 - Anne Schoeffler – Recruit member participants via website and newsletter.
 - Alison Seymour – Natural way to actively engage members

G. Science Scope: Anne Schoeffler

- Need replacement for Sergio de Alba.
- Elizabeth Weissmann is interested but needs more information about time commitment and responsibilities.
- Mary Lou Lipscomb to contact Patty McGinnis, *Science Scope* editor, and share details with Elizabeth Weissmann.
- Lori Chen and Cordy Strawser also expressed interest.
- Jodie Harnden – *Science Scope* always seeing reviewers.

V. New Business

A. Committee Reports

- NMLSTA Middle Level: Kathy Brooks
 - Last meeting 2 months ago. Waiting for information about meeting schedule.
 - Heather Anglin – Meeting every quarter. Envisions first meeting as introduction. Goals: Clarify purpose/goals and plans for future. Shared
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTil_TnQYRaoVHTuL1m208OKAde3inOPwiUqyGsG2fjaVvbw/viewform to add ideas.
- AOA: Melissa Sleeper
 - Attended NSTA National Congress along with Heather Anglin
 - Strands/Themes: Equity, Building membership with state organizations to increase membership, Elementary Science
 - Meeting week of 7/19/21
 - Retiring from chair position
 - Working on NSTA's 5 year strategic plan. Goal have plan ready to send to membership in December. Send any ideas to Melissa.
 - Conference planning committee seeking volunteers to read and evaluate proposals. Contact Melissa. Reviewing timeline to be announced.
- Other: Kathy Brooks

VI. Additional Discussions:

Positive thoughts for Edralin due to flooding.

Kathy Brooks: NSTA STEM Conference July 26-30, 2021. <https://www.nsta.org/stem21>
July 27 is Middle School day. Kathy and colleague will be presenting Chose Your Own Adventure. Themes electromagnetism, wind energy, greenhouse effect. 12:30 – 1:15 Eastern Time.

Feedback from July 16th webinar

“Hi Mary Lou,

I wanted to thank you for the FANTASTIC zoom meeting you and your team put together on July 16th with Bertha Vazquez. I was so busy that day and almost missed it, but I am so glad I did not! I managed to get on a little early, and Bertha invited me then, and at the end of the presentation, to email her. I am travelling today, and am not sure where to find her email address, and wondered if you could send it to me. What she shared to teachers is an amazing resource, and when I finally get home, I intend to spend significant time exploring it all. In the meantime, though, I just wanted to email her to say thanks again.,

Have a wonderful rest of the summer!

Patrice Rodgers”

VII. Adjournment of Meeting

- o **Kathy Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**
- o ***seconded the motion. Note: no one seconded.***
- o **The motion passed unanimously.**
- o Meeting was adjourned at 1:57pm EST