



NMLSTA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

September 12, 2021
Eastern Time 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Central Time 11:00-12 p.m.
Pacific Time 10:00 p.m.

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1pm Eastern Time.

II. **Roll Call:**

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

Kristin Slota	Present
Corydon Strawser	Present
Elizabeth Weissman	Present
Heather Anglin	Present

III. **Minutes** from [July 18, 2021](#) meeting

- Correction needed and made: Emily Omg to Emily Ong
- Motion made to accept the minutes: Anne Schoeffler
- Seconded: Bailey O'Reilly
- Motion to accept minutes passed unanimously

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Technology and Communications Committee document– for board approval**

- Technology and Communications Committee (TCC) Document
- Tech document has been posted on website for 4 weeks, No comments from membership
- Mary Lou Lipscomb made a motion to approve changes to the 2017 bylaws
- TCC document in accordance with the amendment of the 2017 by-laws document
- Kathy Brooks seconded
- Passed unanimously
- Mary Lou Lipscomb updated 2017 by-laws document to include 2 portions approved today
- Updated website Constitution tab linked directly to Constitution
- Will post update by-laws on website
- Chair of TCC committee is Lori, Lori will be forming and chairing committee

B. **Upcoming Monthly Webinars - Mary Lou Lipscomb**

- Eric Garen: Will discuss his new book, *Poems of the Planets*, October 26, 7pm EST
- Poem for each planet in solar system. Sun, asteroid belt, moons and more
- Background: Engineering, Astro engineering
- Anne Schoeffler had been asked to provide testimonial, Book well done, footnoted with several sources, More books forthcoming Presenters needed for November and January
- Edralin Pagarigan: Contacted by marketing group selling materials based on district needs, Hesitant to have for-profit presenters
- My Science Life: Free science based social media tool for middle school, September
- Kristin Slota: Amazon offering free virtual tours, Engineering focus, Has contacted them for her classroom, Multiple sessions, Maybe they will do a webinar
- Cordy Strawse: His students thoroughly enjoyed virtual tour, Lead to site visit to Amazon distribution center for his students in November, Many downloadable resources, Worthwhile
- Kathy Brooks: Amazon has offered at previous conference
- Melissa Sleeper: National Center for Science, Contact Lin Andrews, Presentations available climate, evolution, nature of science, Free lessons, Middle school and high school resources, which can be used in middle school, Infiniscope, Contact Jessica Swann, New platform in January, Students design own virtual field trip, Easy, Good for place based science, 360 image help, Free platform and storage
 - Edralin had attended

- Melissa will contact and e-introduce Mary Lou and Jessica, cc Anne Schoeffler will arrange Zoom

C. NSTA Fall Conferences - Mary Lou

- Portland: Jodie Harnden unable to present
- Kathy Brooks: NSTA sent survey to elicit attitudes toward in person conference
- Melissa Sleeper: Conferences still in person, Too expensive to cancel, Health requirements enforced (Vaccinations or negative COVID test, Masks, Follow venue's requirements)
- Send email to both Lori Chen lchen428@gmail.com and Mary Lou Lipscomb mllscience@aol.com with information about accepted proposals on so they can be tweeted and posted on website
- Lori Chen will tweet

D. Awards – Alison Seymour

- Bailey O'Reilly next Awards Committee chair
- Bailey will shadow Alison Seymour to learn tasks
- Classroom Teacher Awards fall 2021, Application has been up September 1 – September 20, Only 1 applicant
- August drawing 156 people, Increase of participants due to advertising on NSTA Middle Level listserv
- 509 entries, Multiple entries from same people, Only first entry eligible
- Decide to support November Opportunity Award Theme – I am so thankful for...
- Melissa Sleeper: inquired about eligibility of Board of Directors
- Mary Lou Lipscomb: Board members may apply, May not be involved in evaluation of award applications

E. Idea-of the-Month – Anne Schoeffler

- Kristin Slota submitted August's
- August: Kristin Slota, switched with Anne Schoeffler, Deadline for due to Algae Academy full for fall was September 1, Apply now for spring
- September: Anne Schoeffler and Bailey O'Reilly
- October: Elizabeth Weissman
- November: Melissa Sleeper, James Webb Launch
- December Bailey O'Reilly
- January: Cory, CRISPR
- February: Barbara Dunham, Doing Research
- March: Lori Chen, Climate Change
- April: Heather Anglin, Nature of Science and Big Bang
- May: Anne Schoeffler, Edralin Pagarigan

F. Constitution Committee – Anne

- Some members have volunteered to help
- Next meeting: Monday, October 18, 6pm EST
- Add comments to document on drive as reviewing

G. Technology and Communications Committee – Lori

- Started Twitter account, Post awards, Ideas of the Month, Facebook posts, Free resources, Currently 9 followers – need more, Retweet posts

- Contact Lori if interested in joining TCC
- Peter Kelly, Covey Denton, Kristin Slota interested
- Website: Mary Lou Lipscomb
- Idea of the Month: Anne Schoeffler
- Awards Chair: Alison Seymour
- Make sure to put documents in shared drive for access
- Anne Schoeffler: Lori Chen and Mary Lou Lipscomb updating forum
- Mary Lou Lipscomb will update Board of Directors information

H. Science Scope – Corydon

- Cordy Strawser NMLSTA representative
- Edralin Pagarigan will email Patty McGinnis Pattymcginnis1@gmail.com with information, e-introduce Cordy
- Mary Lou – No Science Scope director yet

NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Reports

NSTA Middle Level – Kathy Brooks

- No official meeting yet, some held organizational meeting to discuss goals

B. NAEP Ad Hoc Committee and Conference reviewers - Heather Anglin

- August was organization meeting, Will send email about the upcoming meeting with suggested agenda items
- NSTA President requested Adhoc committee – volunteers contact Heather Anglin– only one representative who is Heather
- Volunteers will be conference reviewers
- NAEP will be revising document as it is outdated, working on revisions to reflect teaching practices, 3-D approach, not limited to Achieve language, Report will be submitted by 15,
- Send Heather questions/suggestions

C. Treasurer's Report (added)

- Deposits from Infinipay, NSTA
- Bank fees for deposits
- Awards gift cards
- Current checking account balance 4389
- Wild Apricot Bill Due 2052
- CD 22,171
- Money Market 16863
- Balance: 43,504
- More memberships coming, \$370 NSTA for August
- Award checks: 2 out of 4 have not been cashed, Checks in personal names, Alison Seymour will follow up with winners: Nan Burvenich – \$200, Jeff Salcido – \$40
- Kathy Brooks: What should be done with membership check received? In past sent directly to credit union with letter
 - Jodie Harnden: Send check to Jodie
 - Kathy Brooks will enter membership information
- Melissa Sleeper: NSTA strategic working group committee working on 5 year plan, Send suggestions about what NSTA should be doing and they may be included, Consultant will share report about how other organizations are moving forward with COVID, Retreat with

NSTA leadership to go over draft in October, Completed document in December, Contact Melissa with for more information

Other Comments:

- Congratulations to Kristin Slota for being nominated for PLTW Outstanding Teacher Award!

ADJOURNING MEETING:

- Edralin Pagarigan asked for motion to adjourn meeting.
- Kathy Brooks made motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Lori Chen seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 1:00 pm