



MSTA Notes July 11th, 2014



Pamela started the meeting. Good news shared.

- Discussion about Secretary – one needs to be voted on, but others could help take notes. The decision was delayed until after we discuss changes in meeting times.
- Gerry made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Diana seconded. All approved.
- Ideas for alternate meeting types/locations/dates: Diana moved that meetings would be every other month face to face (or hybrid) for the full board with alternate months for sub-committee meetings at a location and meeting type of their choice. Shari seconded. No discussion. Motion approved.

Meetings Months and Days of the Week

Meeting Date	Attendees	Location	Agenda
Friday, September 5 th 4:30 – 6:30	Full board	MMSA	Plan for conference
October 10 conference	Full board	Gardiner HS	Conference
November, December TBD	Sub-committee	Choice	De-brief conference & share at January meeting
January 10 (Snow date 24) 9:00 – 1:00	Full Board	Cross Building	Review conference and calendar
February TBD	Sub-committee	Choice	

March 7 11:00	Full Board	MMSA	Review conference decisions for 2015
April TBD	Sub-committee	Choice	
May - TBD 4:30 – 6:30	Full Board	MMSA	
July Retreat TBD	Full Board		Review calendar

- Jonathan shared the **Treasurer’s Report**. Laurette had a question about Paypal. Jonathan explained that Paypal still considers him as “Jon Swan” and he is trying to straighten this out. He can move money around but he can’t buy a card reader. Gerry moved to accept the report. Diana seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Shari made a motion that Maria take over the Secretary role for the next 2 meetings after this (September and October). Diana seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Officer Roles for the fall:

President – Pamela Thompson

Treasurer - Jonathan agreed to continue.

Secretary - Shari made a motion to nominate Maria as Secretary. Jonathan seconded. Motion approved.

President Elect – TBD at a later time.

Voting on the officers will take place in September

MMSA update: Lynn reported

MMSA is looking for an Executive Director. Any suggestions?

MMSA is asking for letters of interest from engineers so they can get some money to support a program where engineers visit classrooms . If you know of engineers that you have worked with, please find out if they are interested in helping with this.

Laurette talked about the final Governor Academy day and how happy the members of the Academy were to get a free membership to the MSTA. This particular cohort seems eager to get involved. Diana shared information about a group from Cohort 4 of the Governor’s Academy that is working on getting a STEM certification started through USM.

DOE Update – Shari reported

Mark Cyr is the person at the DOE that would deal with STEM certification. The 4th cohort of the Governor's Academy just wrapped up using Title II monies. Deadlines for grant proposals mean that they are going to take a year off and then have a three-year cohort.

This summer – IRC (Item Review Committee) for the MEA and MHSA: Shari still needs both physical and life science high school people for the MHSA. Please contact her if you know of someone.

NGSS status – Anita will talk with the commissioner this week so we are hoping we can get on the rule making for mid-winter or early spring. At this point, it would take several years to go through full implementation.

Shari talked about the future of Dine and Discuss and Webinars: There has been too much focus on ELA. The next focus will be using argumentation in the science classroom.

Amended Treasurer's Report

Jonathan had to amend the Treasurer's Report to take care of a math error. Gerry motioned to accept the amended report. Mary seconded and motion was approved.

Sub-committees met and then shared:

Conference: Mary reported the details of the conference day. She will send us all a detailed document. We need to make decisions about the pop up banners (the old stand isn't functioning) and whether we should buy 500 pencils for \$95.

Shari moved that we buy 500 MSTA pens for \$95.00. Gerry seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Hey Banner Banner!

Diana made a motion to allow up \$500.00 to spend on a retractable banner. Maria and Lynn will create and order the banner. Again, Gerry seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Mass mailings: Diana gave us prices on direct mailings for conference information. There are over 500 mailings that need to go out. Shari made a motion to allocate the funds for Diana to set up a direct mailing to advertise the fall conference up to \$400.00. And again, Gerry seconded. Motion approved. Yay! We won't have to stuff envelopes during the September meeting.

On-line Presence

Diana led the members to the msta.wildapricot.org and explained all of the links, how it was organized, etc. Maria shared how the blogs and forums can be used.

Mary made the motion to include a place for feedback on the website so we can determine what kind of information would be helpful to have available on the website – what kinds of resources/links. Gerry seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Diana moved to refund Jonathan \$75.00, the money he has spent testing conference registration with Paypal. Shari beat Gerry and she seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Diana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at the late hour of 3:24 p.m. Gerry is back in 1st place as he seconded the motion. Motion happily approved.

Action Items:

Reminder: Invite potential board members to the next meeting in September.

Attendees: Laurette Darling, Mary Whitten, , Diana Allen, Pamela Thompson, Lynn Farrin, Gerry Saunders, Shari Templeton, Jonathan Doughty, Mra

Minutes submitted by Maria Palopoli