

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Maine Science Teachers Association  
Friday, 7 March 2014



1. Welcome
2. Good News...(share your good news) (10 minutes)
  - a. Jonathan volunteers to take minutes.
3. President's report (3 minutes)
  - a. Incorporating
    - i. There are forms to be signed. We will file with the state and it will be done.
  - b. Think about officer slate...
    - i. This year is an election year. We'll need a new president-elect and further slate of officers. Think about it.
  - c. NCSE - who will attend? Who can attend?
    - i. Dates are Wed. the 16th of July through Saturday the 19th.
    - ii. Pamela will go. Should Jonathan go? Jonathan will think about it. Does anyone else from the board want to go? We'll discuss this in detail next meeting.
  - d. Amy Troiano will, alas, be resigning from the board, effective as of today. She wrote us a nice email explaining her crazy schedule and asks us to always consider her a friend of the board.
  - e. Shall we purchase a gift for Christy in recognition of her service? Sure! No vote because we are not using MSTTA funds for this. Laurette will let us know how much each of us should contribute.
4. Secretary's Report
  - a. Doug was the secretary last time and has sent out the minutes.
    - i. Jonathan moves that we accept them.
    - ii. Laurette seconds the minutes with the amendment that we add a date to the top of the minutes
    - iii. Motion passes unanimously
5. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Can we get the notes about who the check are cut to? Jonathan will look into this.
  - b. Alternative payment device? Jon Swan will send a link about a paypal device similar to Square.
  - c. Mary moves to accept the Treasurer's Report
    - i. Pamela seconds
    - ii. Passes unanimously
  - d. What did we do for billing before? Jon Swan set up an account and made invoices. Jonathan will make a new template and do new invoicing.
6. Committee work (time dependent on group needs) We decide on 20 minutes for an initial timeframe.
  - i. Online presence
  - ii. Conference

- iii. Working with other organizations
- iv. ATOMIM joint membership
- b. BREAK and social time
- c. Report out from each committee
  - i. Online Presence
    1. Jonathan is super excited about the features that the website offer for an enterprising Treasurer
    2. Diana is working on a 'welcome' email for our membership
    3. Maria started two discussion forums!
    4. The online committee hopes to have a bit more to show the board about the website and it's features at the next meeting.
    5. We should all go to the site, log in and change our profile pictures.
    - 6.
  - ii. Conference
    1. We plan keep the same cost for exhibitors and attendees.
    2. Planning to ask Shari Templeton to run a Plenary session on the NGSS
    3. Planning to approach Kate Mcneil about being our Keynote
      - a. Gerry will meet and coordinate for the presenters
    4. We have a plan for MMSA to help us with printing the nametags for attendees.
    5. Focus of MSTA is around Science and Engineering Practices, Next meeting we come up with at title to send with our call for presenters and exhibitors. Call goes out in April with a deadline of July 1st.
    6. Our meeting in July may need to be Friday July 11th (again at Camp Fayette)
    7. Lurette will be Chair of Exhibitors, hoping to have a Co-Chair to train in these mysteries.
    - 8.
  - iii. ATOMIM joint membership
    1. A combined membership with Atomim for \$30? Splitting the difference?
    2. A combined conference for the early future?
      - a. This may help our early elementary colleagues
    3. We talked about TEEAM and the Environmental Ed association for a combination membership as well. More discussion to follow
  - iv. Outreach committee
    1. districts are all over the map on the NGSS
    2. Where can we get examples and resources?
    3. IF we work on a Dine and Discuss model to get information about integrating the NGSS we'll need different levels to serve the different needs.
    4. Shari will ask the board about timing and planning these sessions next meeting.

7. MMSA/NSTA Update
  - a. NSTA noteworthy events: Google doc link [here](#).
    - i. The events in the google document are the ones that Lynn would love to see MSTA board members present.
8. DOE Update
  - a. We get them! Pay close attention to the Educator Effectiveness and Proficiency Based Education pieces as they have deep consequence for our membership
  - b. The main point in Educator Effectiveness seems to be tying percentages of student test scores to Teacher evaluation. This issue deserves our close attention.
  - c. Folks are writing the RFP for a math and ela 'Better Balance' type of assessment for next year. The idea would be to implement this at the end of August.
9. Additions to the Agenda?
10. Additions to the Board!
  - a. Gerry proposes to invite his successor, Jennifer Cartier, director of Teacher Education to be at Unity.
    - i. The board asks Gerry to make that invitation.
  - b. Laurette has been working with Dr. Carol Lee from UMF. She directs elementary educator education there.
11. Shari proposes that the MSTA extent partial scholarships to the NSTA or other Regional conferences to Elementary science education students.
12. Laurette moves that we defer some of Pamela's fees to the NSTA as our representative by the cost of \$120.
  - a. The motion passes unanimously.
13. The Engineering Expo banquet at UMO in July will cost \$40 per ticket. Laurette will plan to go.
  - a. Gerry moves that the board purchase two tickets
  - b. Mary seconds
  - c. motion passes unanimously
  - d. The plan is for Laurette and Robin to go
14. Mary moves to adjourn
15. Gerry seconds
16. Motion passes unanimously

MSTA SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS for 2013-2014

July retreat Friday the 11th from 9:00 to 3:00

