



Teachers and science professionals making science education happen in Maine's schools and communities!

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2018

Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Diana Allen, Jonathan Doughty, Shari Templeton, Kate Cookson, Tonya Prentice, Ruth Kermish Allen, Lucas Benner, Bob Kuech, and Sarah Sparks

| Item | Notes | Next Steps/Outcome |
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| Treasurer Report | <p>Membership Dues are coming in. Total usable assets are \$7306.51.</p> <p>Jonathan has reached out to Rita Newell regarding physics camp. There is no plan for Physics camp again this year, so board should make decision about what to do with this account.</p> <p>Jonathon will be filing MSTA taxes.</p> <p>Ruth motioned, Lucas seconded to accept Treasurer report as presented.</p> | Decision needed about physics camp account. |
| Secretary Report | <p>November and January reports accepted as presented - Lucas motioned, Ruth seconded.</p> <p>No Quorum</p> | |

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| DOE Update | <p>Science standards will be opening to go under review. February 27,28 and March 1 will be open public hearings to take public comments on proposal for new standards. Steering committee will convene beginning in April and draft new standards, to propose to Education and Cultural Affairs committee late fall, and move forward to legislature January 2019.</p> <p>Public awareness is critical to gather feedback and public comment. MSTA and other statewide organizations can help support this. MSTA should support with position letter and provide support language for other organizations to share with their membership.</p> <p>Important information to note - this process will result in new standards, now is the time to voice what good standards are and how/what changes in current Maine Learning Results.</p> | <p>All - support public awareness of the process</p> <p>Jonathan will work with Ruth on drafting primer letter to share with others.</p> |
| Computer Science Standards | Computer Science Taskforce is putting forth recommendation of additional standards (based on recommendations CSTE). One suggestion is that the standards come under guise of science standards: that would have science teachers teaching, assessing and additional certification requirements. | Diana will be meeting with chair of Computer Science Taskforce to gather information and share MSTA perspective. |
| Spring conference planning | A planning document was shared for reference: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fIS1AibBA1uJP3f625cNK1YsXuS9uvKtlltq0XMH7PQ/edit?usp=sharing . | |
| Spring conference - MSTA stuff | Does MSTA want to order any paraphernalia to sell at the conference? | Jonathan will follow up with Ron about water bottles. Suggestion for pricing - bumper stickers (Diana), Tonya (phone pops) |

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| <p>Spring conference - lodging & Friday evening</p> | <p>Fireside Inn room block reserved, \$79/night for our block. Ocean's Edge Restaurant has bayview meeting room, possibility for Friday evening gathering. Rate is \$150 for Friday night, holds approximately 50 people. Diana shared menu costs, will need to make decision about food options. Jonathan motioned to reserve Bayview Room for Friday evening networking, at a cost of \$150, Bob seconded.</p> <p>Need to create flier to share info about conference, which could be duplicated on website.</p> | <p>Diana will reserve Bayview Room at Ocean's Edge Restaurant.</p> <p>Sarah will share info about conference with Bob. Bob will create image, and send to Diana to post.</p> |
| <p>Spring conference - call for presenters</p> | <p>Call for presenters is out.</p> <p>Diana approached from NGSX workshop and possibility of those teachers presenting.</p> <p>Jonathan is considering pooling a variety of teachers from charter schools to present on what science is happening at a variety of these.</p> <p>Tonya Prentice is working with cohort of teachers working with GMRI about presenting.</p> <p>Suggestion to have workshop sessions that targets pre-service teachers.</p> <p>Organization from Florida is looking to train someone to present their curriculum. Diana will share and if anyone is interested, respond directly to Bertha Vasquez and include Diana on the response.</p> | <p>Diana to share info.</p> |

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| <p>Spring conference- registration</p> | <p>Diana is actively working on this to prepare for launch.</p> <p>Exhibitor registration fees: \$100/table for profit \$50/table for non profits Additional table fee \$50 Prime location spaces are available, primarily given based on time of sign up.</p> <p>Ruth and Shari are willing to coordinate exhibitors.</p> <p>Jonathan will help Diana with registration.</p> | |
| <p>Spring conference - food</p> | <p>Need to make food decisions at next meeting. Breakfast and lunch</p> | <p>Come prepared to discuss at next meeting. Sarah will share menus to make informed decisions.</p> |
| <p>Quarterly Newsletter</p> | <p>Diana shared data from Mail Chimp mailing, which shows stats on what/how people are viewing recent mailings.</p> <p>Goal for next newsletter, early May or after next conference, could use content from conference sessions. Possibly ask if anyone interested in contributing to newsletter on survey, and approach at least one presenter per conference strand. Kate will ask undergrad to provide some reflection.</p> <p>Have had positive feedback to newsletter.</p> | <p>This will need to be followed up with at conference. Either in survey or flyer to presenters or both.</p> |
| <p>Website</p> | <p>MMSA hired communications assistant who might be able to assist with MSTA website management. Would require contract, need to outline time and cost for this partnership.</p> <p>Social Media - needs increased presence, perhaps could be built into website contract. All board members encouraged to post with MSTA Facebook and Twitter accounts.</p> | <p>Ruth and Diana to explore and present draft contract to MSTA board.</p> |

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| <p>Record of online decisions prior to 2/1/18 meeting</p> | <p>Pay up to \$150 for Mass, VT, NH Science Teacher Association presidents (or proxy) - unanimous vote.</p> <p>Accept registration fees as proposed (unanimous vote). General early bird registration - \$75 (Early bird registration deadline - March 16th) District Rate: 4 or more from same district Early bird only - \$65/person Late Registration - \$85 (no matter district rate or not)</p> <p>Conference schedule approved as presented (unanimous vote) 8:00-9:00 Registration 9:00-10:00 Session 1 10:15-11:15 Session 2 9:00-11:15 PBE Work Session & Panel 11:30- 12:30 Lunch and Vendors 12:30-1:00 Meeting and Awards 1:15 - 2:15 Session 3 2:30-3:30 Session 4 1:15-3:30 Work Session 3:30 - 4:00 Raffle and Closing</p> | |
| | <p>Jonathan motioned to adjourn, Lucas seconded</p> | |

Upcoming meetings:

Thursday, March 1st, 4:30-6:30, virtual by Zoom

Thursday, April 5th, 4:30-6:30, virtual by Zoom (should we revisit this.... day before conference?)

MSTA Conference, April 6th & 7th