



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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2018

Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Diana Allen, Jonathon Doughty, Ruth Kermish Allen, Tonya Prentice, Chrys Demos, Jen Cartier, Lucas Benner and Sarah Sparks

Item	Notes	Next Steps/Outcome
Secretary Report	Lucas motioned to accept secretary's report as presented. Tonya seconded.	
Treasurer Report	<p>Current usable assets are \$9,472.12.</p> <p>Physics Camp has not yet been moved to Main account as voted at last meeting, but will be done soon.</p> <p>Conference accounting still in process.</p> <p>Sarah motioned to accept treasurer's report as presented. Lucas seconded.</p>	Jonathan will more detailed report on conference expenditure and income at summer meeting.
Summer Retreat	Scheduled for July 16, 2018 to be at Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland. Suggested start time 9:30-4:00.	Any agenda items should be shared with Diana.
Conference Recap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 142 attendees. Positive energy and interest was nice. • Good variety of presenters and new types of workshops. Would like to see increase in high school level 	

	<p>workshops in future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appreciation for conversations about the future of science education that happened at the conversation (proficiency panel and NGSS information). ● Consider adjusting last session or shorten day because so many people dwindled by end of the day. ● Most like the location (both geographic area and the venue). ● Appreciate greater discretion at selection of workshops, structure worked well. ● Liked having the atrium and second larger break out space for people to gather. Consider having those spaces have some formal/informal organizations conversations. ● Focus lunch space served in larger room, not in atrium. Confusion around how food was served. ● Friday networking event worked well. ● Moving forward - conference committee will start earlier and continue the teamwork to make the conference continually better. ● Jonathan motioned to move forward with o have MSTA Conference 2019 April 5 and 6. April 5 at Fireside Inn restaurant and April 6th at the UMaine Hutchinson Center. Ruth seconded. ● Consider getting Fireside Inn to donate rooms for board members because we bring so many people to their location that night. ● Promote at STEM Summit and other events. ● Begin contacting exhibitors and vendors to donate door prizes. 	<p>Save the date - April 5 and 6, 2019.</p> <p>Postcard to distribute</p> <p>Jonathan will contact Fireside Inn about this.</p>
<p>MSTA Board Nametags</p>	<p>If board members need updated professional nametag for MSTA, contact Jonathan directly. Known needed nametags: Ruth, Kate, and Doug.</p>	<p>Jonathan will order nametags.</p>

Website	Diana shared contract with MMSA staff person to work on our MSTA website. Natalie will begin working on the website to redesign and maintain website moving forward. Consider adding community calendar that can add upcoming science education events.	
Newsletter	Anyone who has ideas or would like to submit an article please contact Diana. Submission deadline for next newsletter is May 14th.	All - recruit articles and/or look for high quality stories to share.
MMSA Symposium	MMSA is hosting symposium to have people gather and share what they are doing in partnership with MMSA. All MSTA board members are invited. More information available at https://mmsa.org/events/symposium-registration/ .	
Maine Environmental Education Association	Consideration about potential collaboration for future professional developments and or conferences. Ruth gathered feedback about possibilities and this will be a future discussion item at MSTA board meeting.	Future agenda item.
STEM Summit	STEM Summit is scheduled for November 16, 2018. MSTA could be involved through sponsorship, consider submitting proposal for session, encourage MSTA membership to attend. STEM Collaborative meeting is May 15, and they are looking for new members if anyone is interested.	Ruth will share information as it becomes available Ruth will let STEM Collaborative know that MSTA is willing to support the event in some way.
Adjourn	Jonathan motioned to adjourn, Ruth seconded.	

Upcoming meetings:

Thursday, June 7th, 4:30-6:30

Monday, July 16th, 9:30-4:00