

New Mexico Academy of Science Board Minutes
Bosque Del Apache
June 29, 2013

Attendees

Kurt Anderson, David Duggan, Michaela Buenemann , Malva Knoll, Hal Behl, Jason Jackiewicz, Jayne Aubele, and Malva Knoll.

Kurt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. He began the meeting by reviewing the agenda he distributed by e-mail to the board members. Malva requested that a method of approving on-line actions be added to the agenda. The board approved the agenda as amended and also approved the March 23, 2013 minutes.

Treasurer's Report

David Duggan provided a written report for January 1, 2013 to June 24, 2013. The budget report included a separation of the expenditures into two columns adding the column 'budgeted amount' for each line item in the proposed annual budget. This period had more donations than normal. Lynn Brandvold will apply to Sandia Labs for Jr. Academy funding. The endowment is at \$26,418.96 with a distribution of \$563.00 for current spending. This reflects 5% of the total endowment per year which is the allowable withdrawal from the endowment. During an emergency, the Albuquerque Community Foundation can approve a larger withdrawal. Jayne reviewed the endowment rules. The endowment was initiated during her presidency and Jayne will request that the endowment rules be considered as part of the NMAS permanent records, possibly the NMAS bylaws. One NMAS policy was adopted to have \$300 of the \$400 life-time memberships always sent directly to the endowment. The board accepted the report as written. The treasurer's report is posted on the website in the board private document area after each quarterly meeting.

The board accepted David's proposed \$150 for office supplies to include a hard drive to backup all NMAS files. Malva will make the purchase of the hard drive.

Information Items

George Fishbeck Award

The NMAS action on giving an award to George Fischbeck, Past President-NMAS, long-time science teacher and weatherman, was approved by e-mail ballot during a time period of April-June 2013: The award ceremony for George Fischbeck where he will receive a crystal cube engraved with NMAS logos will be at the Alvarado Transportation Center on July 8, 2013 11:30-am-12:30pm when he is inducted into the Alvarado Transportation Center Wall of Fame. Both Kurt and Jayne will be attending the ceremony. The cost of the award is approximately \$250. Fischbeck will be doing a book signing at the NM Museum of Natural History and Science on July 1, 2013. The board accepted the e-mail actions based on the secretary's abbreviated report.

Michaela requested that information such as that about Fischbeck is perfect for posting on the NMAS Facebook account as well as on the website as mentioned by David Duggan. Members are encouraged to send information items to both of these board members who handle PR for the Academy.

Dagmas Liewellyn Lecture

NMAS is co-sponsoring a lecture by Dagmar Liewellyn about Climate change on the Rio Grande at the NM Museum of Natural History and Science on July 10, 2013. Jayne will act as the NMAS representative for introductions of the speaker which is sponsored by with the help of NM for Science and Reasoning and the Museum. Marvin Moss is the NMAS liaison for lecture events.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Junior Academy of Science

Director, Lynn Brandvold, submitted the list of Jr. Academy winners for the last NMAS Spring newsletter. She will apply to Sandia National Labs grant to fund next year's programs when the due date is open by Sandia Labs.

National Youth Science Camp

Richard Nygren was not present, but NMAS has two delegates attending the camp in West Virginia. They are Maria Morrow from Eldorado High School, Albuquerque and Evan Liu, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque. The NYSC program pays all expenses for the students including airfare. NMAS judges select the delegates based on academic achievement, school leadership, community activities, and an interest in sciences. The report for the camp is in the last NMAS newsletter.

Community Relations Committee

Ruth Duggan submitted a letter of resignation as director of the communication committee. Her outgoing report also included these completed actions: obtaining a list of NM newspapers and links for NMAS business, providing drafts of the poster and brochures for the use of the next director, adding an events page to the current website to post information about lectures, science fairs, and camps, investigating new on-line webpage layouts. She suggested needs of the NMAS as photographs of NMAS events and methods of getting PR out to potential new members.

Jayne Aubele will take over the production of NMAS posters and pamphlet for communication. Malva offered to proof read the product as needed. Kurt suggested smaller (8 x 11) size for posters. Jayne accepted the role of informing other Museums about activities of NMAS in her role as liaison to the NM Museum of Natural History and Science. She also announced the next Teachers' Open House on Wednesday September 25, 2013. There is \$35 fee for exhibitors and NMAS participation is present in David Duggan's 2013 budget.

Michaela's newly designed logo of the NMAS academy was adopted for all future NMAS business correspondence and PR purposes. Malva suggested that the Vice President, Jason, take over the duty of posting PR as he works on the membership solicitations for NMAS. Malva and Kurt will ask Deb Novak to consider taking over the role as communication director.

Membership

A discussion occurred concerning on-line processes for obtaining memberships and paying dues. Michaela will research using Pay Pal or another service for taking memberships and payments. David suggests that most companies have an annual fee and a transaction fee for all on-line payments. Michaela will also look at posting a PDFform on the website which can be printed by members to submit with a membership form.

Journal of Science

Kurt reported that he would like to accept papers or abstracts from the EPSCoR graduate students who are doing the presentations during our annual meeting. There will be an electronic version of the 2013 Journal. Kurt feels there is room for at least 25 student papers. The topic Climate Change on the Rio Grande is set by the participants of the EPSCoR grant. Kurt will solicit other authors in addition to the students.

Michaela is suggesting a broad topic journal so that other authors within New Mexico will have an opportunity for publication. She is hoping it might be an incentive for scientists to join NMAS. The Journal this year is being supported by the EPSCoR funding. Kurt will take this under consideration.

Newsletter Committee

Jason is ready to receive more material for the next newsletter. Jason will use LaTeX as the software. Jason is requesting material from each board member and program director and will send e-mail to the board members with his specific requests. Jason will use the new logo for the next newsletter and aims for a publication date of end of July. The normal publication dates are February, summer, and fall. The changes to the bylaws and balloting are topics in the newsletter prior to the annual meeting; thus for this year October 9, 2013 prior to November 9, 2013 annual meeting. These election topics require a 30 day advance notice.

Annual Meeting

The date is November 9, 2013 at the Marriott Pyramid. Tentative agenda has check-in at 10am., a lunch to present the Teachers' Award, two concurrent sessions, and end of day at 6:30p.m. There is still room for selecting a guest lecturer. The business meeting at the annual meetings will include time in the schedule for teacher awards announcement the slate of the new officers and election results of the bylaw amendments in addition to the keynote speaker.

Lecture Series

Kurt suggested a Lecture standing committee with Marvin Moss as the chairperson. The board passed the motion with one nay vote. David Duggan wants to insure that NNMAS is given credit for NMAS sponsorship. Malva offered to write a protocol for required PR during all events sponsored by NMAS. This protocol is needed especially for events like the lectures which are co-sponsored with CESE, NMSR, or the NM Museum of Natural History and Science.

Emeriti Members Discussion

The board reaffirmed the following people as current Emeriti of NMAS: Dr. David Hsi, Maureen Romine, and Mona Pomeroy. These appointments were approved at the previous NMAS board meeting in 2013. These are non-voting members of the NMAS board. Kurt Andersen will notify all persons of their standing with NMAS.

By-Laws Committee

The board discussed all of the proposed changes to bylaws presented by Malva who worked on the revisions of the bylaws with Kim Johnson. The recommendations will be included in a new draft which will be sent by Malva to board members for proof-reading.

RSVP for the next meeting

The meeting was adjourned by VP Michaela due to Kurt's early departure. The next board meeting is tentatively planned for October 5, at Bosque del Apache. Due to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta date conflict, it is possible the date will be revised.

Please RSVP to the President by Wednesday prior to the meeting regarding your attendance. The meeting will be canceled if a quorum will not be able to attend. Please get your own lunch prior to the meeting and plan to begin at 12:00 Noon.