

New Mexico Academy of Science
Board Meeting Minutes November 7, 2015
Virtual Meeting Location:
Call-in number 1-712-432-3011 Code 154202(6081host)
Physical Meeting Location(s): Jason at NMSU

Agenda Items

1. Call to order

Jason called the meeting to order at 10AM. Parenthetical notation in the minutes shows the person who made the motion followed by the person who seconded the motion. (Motion, Second).

2. Roll call

Board Attendees were all by conference call: Malva Knoll, Jason Jackiewicz, David Peters, Lynn Brandvold, Kurt Anderson, Hal Behl, Anton Sumali, and Shanalyn Kemme

3. Proof of quorum (Defined as a majority of the board of 14)

A quorum of 8 of 14 was present.

4. Approval of the agenda (Jason Jackiewicz)

The board approved the agenda as printed (Kurt, Lynn).

5. Approval of the 29 August 2015 meeting minutes (Malva Knoll)

The board approved the minutes as printed (Kurt, Lynn).

6. Program reports (Standing Committees)

a. NM Junior Academy of Science (Lynn Brandvold)

One NMJAS student will present an oral session at the annual conference using his paper concerned with Identifying Cancer Cells with a Breathalyzer.

b. National Youth Science Camp (Lynn for Richard Nygren)

Lynn advertised this program in the New Mexico Science Teachers' Association Conference Program for the November 14, 2015 annual meeting for NMAS.

c. Teacher Awards Program (Shanalyn for Deb Novak)

Awards will be given at the annual meeting on November 14, 2015 and at the NM Science Teachers' Association conference in Hobbs. Biographies of the two winners will be published in the next newsletter. Jayne will make the presentation to Turtle Haste at the poster session during the annual meeting. Deb Novak will present the award to Anna Suggs at the NMSTA meeting in Hobbs. NMAS gave \$250 to each teacher. American Chemical Society gave \$250 and a box of goodies.

d. NM Journal of Science (Kurt Anderson)

Kurt has received three student papers solicited by Lynn from Junior Academy winners. One of the papers Kurt received is in pdf format and Lynn will contact him for a version in Word format. Lynn created a Dropbox account for the papers so that Kurt could receive the large sized documents.

e. Newsletter (David Peters)

David sent a newsletter last month with election candidate biographies. Jason is recommending that ballots be sent independently of the newsletter. Information from the annual meeting and teacher awards are the major topic of the next edition. Jason will handle creation and distribution of this newsletter as both David and Shanalyn are on business travel. Past-President of NMAS Dr. Marshall Berman's remembrance will be printed in the next newsletter. Malva will solicit information about the memorial service.

f. NMAS Lecture Series (Shanalyn for Marvin Moss)

Shanalyn sent information about location and speakers to Marvin for a December lecture. She will forward this email to Malva to contact Marvin about a January lecture. Members feel a December lecture is not warranted due to the lack of time for PR. Marvin should contact the Foundation independently of NMAS for use of the Dyna Theater. If this is not available, there is lecture space in the new education wing at the Museum.

g. Museum Liaison

No report. The next NMAS lecture scheduled for January may still be blocked out of use at the NM Museum of Natural History and Science.

h. Public Relations/Community Relations (Anton Sumali)

Anton submitted a news release to Sandia Labs Newsletter about the NMAS annual meeting. He also passed the notice to Donivan Porterfield to distribute at Los Alamos National Laboratories. He hopes to recruit new members from attendees at the annual meeting. Anton requested information from Jason about last year's 2014 annual meeting presenters who were given membership and will approach them for renewals. Waivers of membership fees will be given to the 2015 presenters. Membership appeals will be made to the general public at the general meetings. Anton will take responsibility for bringing the NMAS banner and membership brochures to the annual meeting. Shanalyn will check with Natalie at EPSCoR to request the NMAS website and appeal for membership be printed in the conference program. David and Malva volunteered to help staff the NMAS booth at the conference when Anton is moderating sessions. Jason confirmed the annual meeting fee of \$25 does not cover NMAS membership fees.

i. Treasurer (Jason for Vince Gutschick)

Vince was not present at this meeting. Jason reported that about 18 NMAS members registered for the 2015 annual meeting. The teacher award winners were invited to the meeting with no fee although one awardee did pay for her registration fee. Vince has revoked the 501(h) IRS status for the NMAS based on the discussions at the August meeting where members were supportive. Malva noted that future actions of this nature should have board approval.

7. New business

a. Board Nominations (Jason for Michaela Buenemann)

The election has been postponed due to a lack of candidate(s) for the position of Treasurer. Current nominations for the 2015 election are John Emerson for Vice President and John Briggs as Director at Large. Malva will send sample ballots to Jason for construction of the 2015 ballot. Elections are restricted to paid members. Malva will collect and tally ballots for the election. She will confirm membership status through the membership on line or through Vince or Jason.

There is no current candidate for Treasurer. The position is open to a self nomination by a write in candidate. Hal suggested using a paid accountant if needed. Jason will send an email blast to solicit a treasurer from the NMAS membership. Ballots will be suspended for enough time to solicit a Treasurer or until after the annual meeting if needed. Jason will introduce the current candidates and call for a treasurer at the annual meeting.

Malva emailed this election summary to the board for the 2016 candidates and includes it for record in the minutes.

2012 vote for calendar year 2013: Michaela Buenemann President-elect; Jason Vice President; Deb Novak Director at Large; Malva Knoll, Secretary.

2013 vote for calendar year 2014 term: Shanalyn Kemme Vice President; Hal Behl Director at Large; Vince Gutschick Treasurer.

2014 vote for 2015 calendar year: David Peters Vice President; Malva Knoll Secretary; Deb Novak Director at Large. Bylaw revisions from 2013 state that Treasurer, Secretary and Director at Large positions are 2 years of service

b. Annual Meeting (Shanalyn Kemme)

Shanalyn needs help at the beginning of the meeting for assigning duties. Board members should arrive about 30 minutes earlier than the conference start of registration scheduled at 10:30 a.m. at the Albuquerque Hyatt. The director of EPSCoR, Natalie, will have envelopes with session assignments. Lunch will have time for Jason's pitch to join NMAS and seek a treasurer. Dr. Vipin Gupta, will talk at lunch. Lynn will send a check of \$250 for travel expenses which was budgeted. Jason will obtain checks for both teacher award winners who will be given \$250 awards from the Academy after the poster sessions. There will be an ACS Session prior to the beginning of the conference as arranged by Donivan Porterfield. For the Teacher Awards, Jason will request help from Jayne and Donivan Porterfield

c. Miscellaneous items at the Annual Meeting.

NMAS gives a membership to all presenters. Students should submit the required information on the NMAS website and ignore the PayPal form, or complete the forms provided by Anton. Last year, Jason sent an email to presenters after the conference to invite them to join NMAS. Anton will have membership forms printed from the webpage so students can complete paperwork at the conference.

Jason will check the printed program and create a check-list of announcements that will be made by NMAS board members.

Judges and moderators will get assignments at the beginning of the meeting from Natalie.

Money and checks for the meeting are being provided by Lynn and Jason while awards and plaques have been prepared by Jayne

Anton will ensure banner and printed membership forms will be at the meeting.

Jayne or Jason will make the presentation to the teacher winners at the poster session during the annual meeting.

Jason will give a membership and treasurer report at the annual meeting.

10. Adjourn (Jason)

Jason accepted a motion for and the board approved adjournment at 11:30 PM (Malva, Lynn).