

New Mexico Academy of Science Board Minutes
Bosque Del Apache
March 23, 2013

Attendees

Kurt Anderson, David Duggan, Michaela Buenemann , Malva Knoll, Ruth Duggan, Jesse Johnson, Lynn Brandvold, and Hal Behl.

Kurt called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. He began the meeting by reviewing the agenda he distributed by e-mail to the board members. Malva added two items; the annual meeting topic and archival of NMAS permanent records. The board approved the agenda as amended. It also approved the January 12, 2013 Minutes as amended in the NMJAS section by Lynn Brandvold who added “proposed budget” to the third paragraph of the Treasurer’s report.

Treasurer’s Report

David Duggan provided a written report for January 1-March 15, 2013. The next budget report will include a separation of the Expenditures into two columns adding the column ‘budgeted amount’ for each line item in the proposed annual budget. This will allow immediate comparison of actual expenditures to budgeted expenditures. The board accepted an amended report correcting the NMJAS balance to include \$2500 from Sandia National Labs. David will re-send the corrected report.

Nominating Committee

Kurt called for the creation of the nominating committee which will be chaired by Jesse Johnson, the Past-President. The ballot in 2013 will include Vice President and one Director at Large. Kurt suggested looking for VP nominees in the UNM community and business community. The primary goal is to find an active participant willing to do the work of the Academy. Based on NMAS by-laws and protocol, the election ballot should be ready for the last newsletter of the year in October so that the election results can be announced at the annual meeting. The new officers assume their positions at the first meeting of the year in January. By-laws required a 30 day voting period which will occur in November 2013.

By-Laws Committee

Kurt is asking Kim Johnson to chair the committee to research the by-laws of NMAS. Jesse Johnson will search for the 2003 by-law documents as the starting point. Kurt will work on getting input from Mel Eisenstat. The beginning document will be the 1996 or whichever version can be verified draft of the by-laws submitted to the PRC. Ruth Duggan, Malva Knoll and Hal Behl have offered to serve. The proposed draft will be complete prior to the next meeting. The voting for the new by-laws will occur with the ballots at the November 2013 distribution. Effective date of new by-laws will be January 2014 with installation of the new officers.

Emeriti Members Discussion

Kurt called for a discussion considering recognition of long-time members as part of the by-laws committee. Methods recognizing long term service have included both Emeriti and NMAS Fellow. A Director Emeritus remains a non-voting active member of the board while a fellow could be any individual. Emeritus became an option for NMAS because there was a limited in the NMAS by-laws to a small number of ‘board’ members. Emeritus status gave the opportunity for active members to continue service while relinquishing their board status. After comments on both categories, the board passed the

following motion with 1 nay vote: The by-laws committee shall incorporate the title of NMAS Fellow with an appropriate definition and/or criteria in the 2013 proposed by-laws. Kurt asked Jesse to include in the definition the following criteria: individuals have made significant contributions and/or exceptional service to Science in New Mexico. It was noted that NMAS can bestow other titles for Service to Academy and State of NM as it did with the Service Commendation to Senator Bingaman.

Web Page/ Community Relations

Michaela has offered to help David with up-grading the website and she has offered to post NMAS business to Facebook. David relayed that the web page is currently hosted without charge by NM Fiber at NMSU while Michaela suggested a new host or format which is more user friendly. In reaction to the e-mails addressing the website and methods of delivering the newsletter, David Duggan requested that his prepared statement be entered into the record to ensure that any changes consider the ramifications of any changes to the web site. The statement is attached as an addendum to the meeting minutes. David summarized his comments for the board members.

Kurt suggested that both the website and the newsletter are vital to keeping our membership engaged, acting as a vehicle for science education, and increasing membership numbers as well as informing the members of NMAS business.

Ruth will send announcements to Michaela with a link so it can be posted to Facebook. Lynn and Ruth as Community relations representative suggested that Kurt as President might ask school groups to provide links to the NMAS web site for publications. This group would include student papers (high school, middle school) which might have been in the Journal in the past.

Malva will search for other Science Resources in New Mexico where a link to the NMAS website can be placed. She will provide information to the Community Relations.

NM Junior Academy of Science

Lynn has offered to announce the National Youth Science Camp requirements in the 2014 Jr. Academy announcements to help increase participation. The deadline for the National Youth Science Camp has already passed when the NMJAS competition occurs this year.

Teacher Awards Program

Harry Pomeroy has agreed to remain on the NMAS board as the Director of the Teacher Awards Program.

Annual Meeting

Michaela asked for suggestions about date, and learned that we pay only for hotel and banquet arrangements, but not to include an honorarium. Interactive meetings involving the participants are often the most successful. Jesse and Kurt will send past agendas of the annual meeting for Michaela's review. She will survey board member about the event details and plans to create a map of member locations throughout the state for PR purposes.

National Youth Science Camp

Richard Nygren was not in attendance. Lynn Brandvold will provide 2014 PR in the Jr. Academy announcements to increase participation in the Science Camp.

Journal of Science

Kurt is entertaining an Environmental Issue as or even a broader topic i.e. Science in New Mexico to encourage broader participation. Ruth suggested it might be wise to include topics which may allow University students to be published who have no other opportunities for publishing.

New Business

No new business was brought forward at this meeting.

Tabled Items: Archiving data of NMAS permanent files.

Action items - Please note the yellow highlighted sections of the Minutes for action items.

RSVP for the next meeting

The next board meeting is tentatively planned for June 29th at Bosque del Apache.

Please RSVP to President by Wednesday prior to the meeting regarding 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. Board members should assign a proxy in their absence.