



Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2021 10:100 am 12:00 pm

Physical Meeting Location: None

Virtual Meeting Location: Zoom

Agenda Items

1. Call to order
2. Roll call P= Present A= Absent

Gurler, Gretchen P	Knoll, Malva P	Kemme, Shanalyn P	Aubele, Jayne, A	Vlad Sevostianov A
Sumali, Anton P	Thrall, Deb A	Showalter, Margaret P	Rock, Rod A	
Chalamala, Babu P	Liu, Zhiming P	Brandvold, Lynn P		

3. Proof of quorum Roll call by President listed above.
4. Approval of the agenda (Margaret, Shanalyn)

5. Secretary's Report (Malva Knoll)

- a. The board approved the written minutes from the previous meeting 1/30/2021 (Malva, Shanalyn)

6. Call by Gretchen to approve a Board Director for Media Relations

Anton Sumali presented a short description of the candidate Yasmin Dennig as Director of Media Relations. Yasmin Dennig is a lawyer, chemical engineer, and environmental engineer. She is the President of Albuquerque Lawyers' Club. With Sandia Labs since 2012, Yasmin has an impressive track record of media communications and business development.

Gretchen appointed her as the Director of Media Relations, and the Board was in consensus accepting Yasmin Dennig. Gretchen will notify Yasmin of the Board's decision. Malva, Ellen Loehman, Deb Thrall and Babu will meet with Yasmin to set some tasks for distribution of announcements on Mail Chimp and discuss communication with members.

7. Treasurer's Report Deb Thrall

No report for this meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

9. Journal of Science Report (Anton,)

Anton presented a Power Point presentation from the February 2021 meeting of the committee. Shanalyn brought up the point that rules for publication seemed to change and advocated for the acceptance of the paper submitted by Anna Maria Perez. Malva and

Gretchen will work with the student and EPSCoR director, Selena Connealy, to attempt publication in this journal. If it is not possible for this year, Anton has agreed to publish this paper next year.

The Ad Hoc committee will meet to establish rules for publication of the 2021 Journal. Rules will be brought to the board for approval and will be posted on the NMAS website. Malva requested consideration be given to Junior Academy of Science winners at the State Competition. The committee will also discuss the on-going task of digitizing articles from past Journals which were published only in hard-copy.

Standing Committee Reports

7. NM Junior Academy of Science (Lynn Brandvold)

Lynn reported there are 7 participants from San Juan Region; 1 participant from North East Region from Los Alamos, and 8 participants from the Albuquerque Region in the competition this year. Lynn will accept at least 3 winners from the regions with multiple winners to attend the State Competition. The State competition will be held virtually in April. The two Junior division students will have a separate competition at the Albuquerque Region with no State Competition in Junior Division in 2021.

8. National Youth Science Camp (Margaret Showalter)

The deadline for applications to the program is February 28, 2021. The application is extensive and many students fail to complete the entire application. She is aware of several student who started the application

9. Teacher Awards Program (Jayne Aubele) No Report

10. NMAS Lecture Series (Jayne Aubele) No Report

11. Museum Liaison (Jayne Aubele) No Report

12. Membership (Babu Chalamala)

13. Newsletter Website Report (Ellen Loehman – written report submitted 2/26/2021)

Newsletter Report

I sent a newsletter on 2/6/2021 to 422 recipients in the Mail Chimp audience list

- 114 were opened 10 bounced
- The most clicked link was about the 2021 NMAS Board
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Website Report

1. I've been working on the NMJAS competition and digital support. We've created google forms for entering scores. They might need some tweaking. It will be easier to offer digital support for forms when/if the website is converted to WordPress.

2. I am ready to meet with Anton and Vlad to revamp the Journal of Science page – <https://www.nmas.org/nm-journal-of-science.html>. I will need the exact content/format/links that will go on the website.
3. I've been working on the resource pages, starting with the NM Resources.
- Here is the original – <https://www.nmas.org/nm-science-resources.html>, which is woefully out of date.
 - Here is the page I copied from NMSTA and am working on verifying the links. If you have additions, please let me know – <https://www.nmas.org/nm-science.html>.

14. New Business

Dr. Liu called for creation of a job description for the Media Relations position on the NMAS board. This is one of the many appointed committees of the current President. Malva will collect information and create a description for consensus by the board.

Dr. Liu called for listing Vladislav Sevostianov as the assistant editor of the NM Journal of Science on the website. Malva will contact Ellen Loehman for this change.

15. Old Business

Gretchen and Babu will continue to invite submissions for the 2021 Journal of Science at the large and small universities across New Mexico. The authors will be notified to use the new rules being established by the Ad Hoc committee. Publication rules should be approved by the NMAS Board at the next meeting.

16. Review of action items

Check the minutes for board assigned tasks.

17. Adjourn (Margaret, Malva)

18. Next NMAS Meeting: April 24, 2021 10 AM Zoom details forthcoming.