



NMAS Board Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2021 10 AM – 11:30 AM

Physical Meeting Location: None

Virtual Meeting Location: Zoom

1. Call to order

2. Roll call Introductions of Members P= Present

Gurler, Gretchen P	Knoll, Malva P	Amelia Wagner P	Aubele, Jayne A	Cecilia Hernandez P
Sumali, Anton P	Thrall, Deb P	Showalter, Margaret P	Rock, Rod A	Christy Krenek A
Chalamala, Babu P	Liu, Zhiming P	Brandvold, Lynn P	Vlad Sevostianov A	Ellen Loehman A

3. Proof of quorum

There was a quorum of 10 of 14 members.

4. Approval of the agenda

The board approved the agenda with the move of website business to top of the agenda. (Malva, Deb)

5. Announcement of new Board Members & Vacancies

The board approved the appointment of Dr. Cecilia Hernandez as Liaison to New Mexico State University and Christy Krenek, Science Specialist at the New Mexico Department of Education. (Malva, Margaret). There is currently a vacancy in the Director at Large position and the November 2021 ballot will solicit officers for upcoming vacancies of Vice President, Treasurer, and a second Director at Large. Deb Thrall agreed to continue as Treasurer and Margaret Showalter agreed to remain as one of the Directors at Large. Lynn must also fill the Jr. Academy Central Region Director. Malva will solicit Daniel Appel for the central region directorship. Anton will advertise through the email system at Sandia Labs. . Amelia will create a call for volunteers to serve on the board for the next newsletter.

5. Secretary's Report (Malva Knoll)

The board approved the minutes distributed by email with revisions by Lynn Brandvold. (Malva, Deb)

6. Treasurer's Report Deb Thrall

Deb is still tracking funds from Los Alamos and United Way donations from Sandia. She is attempting to close out all accounts at US Eagle and will work to separate donor and endowment funds. She is tracking money from both Sandia and Los Alamos Laboratories as there are changes from past donations.

3	Current Accounts	1/1/2019	1/29/2021	6/19/2021		
4	US Eagle - Checking	\$6,697.54	\$2,527.69	\$5.00		
5	US Eagle -Share Account	\$5.00	\$5.00			
6	US Eagle -Savings	\$8,878.82	\$1,913.02			
7	US Eagle - Savings - Restricted to NMJAS					
8	Nusenda - Checking		\$9,336.55	\$12,164.06		
9	Nusenda - Savings		\$3,729.09	\$3,729.95	3228.91 Owed to NMJAS	
10	ABQ Community Foundation - Endowment	\$42,929.51	\$47,079.12	\$56,943.51		
11	ABQ Community Foundation - Donor Fund			\$1,548.58		
12	PayPal	\$1,472.20	\$23.97	\$18.05	less \$5.92 for NMJAS fees	
13	Account Totals	\$59,983.07	\$64,614.44	\$74,409.15		
14			\$3,228.91			
15	Actual Expendable Total		\$61,385.53	\$74,409.15		

Standing Committee Reports

7. Newsletter/ Website (Ellen Loehman)

Malva shared a written request from Ellen Loehman to move the NMAS website to South West Cyber Port and to replace Weebly with Word Press. She has started to develop a site on a home server and with the Board's approval will request from SWCP a starter site sometime in August. She will copy and reformat the files. There will be little change in the user experience.

Several board members spoke on the issue and agreed with the benefits. The board approved the proposal. (Anton, Deb)

8 NM Journal of Science (Anton for Vlad)

Anton reported for Vlad, the new editor. Anton requested board members to solicit articles for the 2021 Journal which will be published in December. The 2020 Journal was late and was published in March of 2021. All of the new format rules are available on the website and Lynn will invite the state Junior Academy of Science winners to submit their papers. Work will begin on scanning old versions of the Journal to put on the website. NMAS will solicit help from Adelante or hire student interns. There is \$1000 in the 2021 budget for this expense. He will also begin work contacting past authors directly for electronic copies of their papers. It will cut down the work of scanning old Journals. The editors have not yet started to index the Journal articles.

Ellen sent these comments for the board. They will be discussed at the next meeting.

I investigated how we could index and 'serve' articles from the Journal and found several ways to accomplish that. There are free services that have a steep learning curve and would require manual configuration and updating. There are also paid services that are not cheap.

The most promising service is [Open Journal Systems](#), open-source software. SWCP recommends that this be run in a separate server than WordPress, and it would cost an additional \$5/month.

Board – please decide if this is something to pursue. If so, there are some questions:

1. Will someone be able to keep this up after Vlad has moved on? It looks like it should not require much maintenance, but it still will need some. And there will be a learning curve.
2. Is NMAS dispensing with a single-publication pdf journal and going to one-at-a-time?
3. Is someone going to enter the old papers? Is there an archive of those that are digital and printed old copies?

4. Would this be used for the Junior Academy papers and review, too? I think that would simplify the NMJAS competition.

9. NM Junior Academy of Science (Lynn Brandvold)

Lynn reported on several regions concerning the plans for holding science fair in 2022. She reported that Ken Cradock at Eastern NM University is transitioning from being strictly ISEF - Science Fair connected to a more inclusive experience for students. In 2022 they anticipate a face-to-face STEM Expo that will allow students to participate and present their work regardless of what competition(s) they have prepared for. They will not affiliate with any particular competition but will continue working with the NMJAS Paper competition assuming this is not strictly tied to students participating in ISEF affiliated fairs. Eastern will have a platform to celebrate STEM engagement and to develop presentation skills that will be more inclusive of schools in that region.

Lynn requested help from Cecilia Hernandez in contacting administrators from NMSU concerning 2022 plans. All other regions will be holding a science fair in 2022. Lynn completed the required report about Jr. Academy for Sandia National Laboratories as they supported the program with \$4000. She also submitted a request for next school year in the same amount for the Jr. Academy Competition.

10. Membership/ Public Relations (Babu Chalamala)

Babu reported that all new members received communication thanking them for membership. He requested a call for members in the next newsletter.

12. Newsletter (Amelia Wagner)

Amelia will be able to publish the next newsletter prior to leaving Albuquerque for graduate school. Malva will provide job descriptions for the solicitation of officers. Gretchen suggested including a notice to Amazon customers to make donations to NMAS as their recommended charity. Anton requested articles on the two new board members, Cecilia Hernandez and Christy Krennek.

13. NMAS Lecture Series (Jayne Aubele) no report

14. Museum Liaison (Jayne Aubele) no report

16. New Business

Margaret suggested having a guest lecturer at the annual meeting on the current Space Race. Endeavors with private business persons such as Elon Mush and Jeff Bezos have created interest. Anton and Babu will pursue contacts in the field. Malva will contact EPSCoR concerning the timeline.

17. Old Business

18. Next NMAS Board meeting: September 11,2021 10 am to 12 pm.

19 Adjourn (Deb, Anton)