



NMAS Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2022 10:00 am

Virtual Meeting Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82165956666?>

Meeting ID: 821 6595 6666 Passcode: 330655

Physical Meeting Location: New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science

1. Agenda Items

The board approved the agenda as corrected and distributed by email prior to the meeting.
Malva added discussion of NMAS Newsletter annual content plans.
Deb wants to add a discussion of location of board meetings.

2. Call to order

3. Roll call

Guests & Members P= Present A = Absent

Sumali, Anton P	Knoll, Malva P	Showalter, Margaret P	Aubele, Jayne P	
Chalamala, Babu P	Thrall, Deb P	Vladislav Sevostianov A	Rock, Rod A	Cecilia Hernandez P
Diane Peebles P	Liu, Zhiming P	Brandvold, Lynn P	Ellen Loehman A	

Proof of quorum (%50 required) There is a quorum of 10 of 13 members.

5. Approval of the agenda (Malva,)

The board approved the agenda as mailed earlier to all board members. Malva will correct Cecilia's spelling.

5. Secretary's Report (Malva Knoll)

The action items from the last meeting were to approve a \$1000 scholarship in honor of Dr. Igor Sevostianov for the EPSCoR competitors and to approve a grant of \$1000 to the NM Science Teachers' Association. This grant was awarded for teacher's travel at Fall Conference in Socorro in September 2022. This donation gave NMAS a free exhibitors booth and two paid attendance fees. The board approved the minutes of the April 9, 2022 meeting as written and distributed by email. (Malva, Deb)

7. Treasurer's Report (Deb Thrall)

Deb reported that activity from Nusenda Credit is easy to download directly into an excel spreadsheet.

Due to the current market NMAS lost nearly \$1500. The Community Foundation has managed the funds well in the past. Anton sent a thank-you to the ABQ Foundation for the continued good returns to the NMAS account. NMAS received a Nov 3, 2021 communication from the Foundation that Anton requests be posted to the NMAS website. Deb will provide this document to Ellen for posting.

The money in PayPal will be moved to the checking account. Deb has requested permission to be listed as a registered charity for PayPal. This will result in a lower fee (1.5%) from Pay Pal for activity in the NMAS account. There will be no affect on our IRS 501 (c) 3. This move will be done in future weeks.

Deb will check on and pay the US Postal Service Box fees which are due on August 31, 2022. The board accepts the printed budget with the exception of the Jr. Academy of Science Section. (Deb, Lynn). Deb will work on Jr. Academy discrepancies with Lynn for future approval.

1	2022 NMAS BUDGET			
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3	Current Accounts	1/8/2022	4/9/2022	8/12/2022
4	US Eagle - Checking	\$5.00	\$0.00	
5	US Eagle -Share Account		\$5.00	\$5.00
8	Nusenda - Checking	\$14,169.07	\$11,906.18	\$10,999.23
9	Nusenda - Savings	\$3,727.79	\$3,738.84	\$3,741.10
10	ABQ Community Foundation - Endowment	\$63,005.25	\$63,005.25	\$61,952.01
11	ABQ Community Foundation - Donor Fund	\$1,713.46	\$1,713.46	\$1,684.82
12	PayPal	\$197.52	\$392.32	\$417.08
				\$94.56 Membership, \$48.01 Donation, \$168.23 NMJAS
13	Account Totals	\$82,818.09	\$80,761.05	\$78,799.24

Standing Committee Reports

8. Newsletter / Website (Ellen Loehman)

Ellen was not present and there is no report at this time. The website is still moving to South West Cyberport. Anton complimented Ellen's work and Margaret will deliver flowers brought by Anton on behalf of the board for Ellen's STEMY award.

9. National Youth Science Camp (Margaret Showalter)

There were no student representatives last year which Margaret attributed to the lack of a live conference for students. Margaret suggested setting up communication with current students about the experiences of NYSC attendees. Margaret made contact with a NM student who attended NYSC in the past and is requesting his help to give a presentation to future attendees. Jayne offered the Jr. Docents at

the Museum as a possible group of students for this presentation. The Nuclear Science Museum also has a student docent program that can be approached for a presentation about NYSC.

10. NM Junior Academy of Science (Lynn Brandvold)

1. A report on the 2022 competitions was prepared and sent to Sandia by the due date, April 29.
2. The website (<https://www.nmas.org/nmjas/>) was updated with the 2022 winners and the abstract of the Senior Division First Place Winners and their pictures (<https://www.nmas.org/nmjas-2022-senior-division-first-place-award/>).
3. A grant proposal to Sandia for \$4000 for the 2022-2023 year was submitted by the due date in May.
4. The Sandia grant was awarded in July.
5. Invitations to submit abstracts for the 2022 NM Journal of Science have been sent to the winners in the Senior Division of the NMJAS Scientific Paper Competition.
6. The file delineating the *NMJAS State Director's Responsibilities* has been updated.
7. Additions at the meeting
There were only 4 regions which held science fairs and those regions had JAS competitions. NMSU did not host a science fair last year. This left the southern portion of the state without representation. Malva will draft a letter, for Anton, to the president of NMSU requesting promotion and continuation of science fair sponsorship for students.
Deb reported that there was a deposit from Sandia Labs for the Jr. Academy of Science grant of \$4000 on July 22, 2022.

11. Teacher Award – Lecture Series (Jayne Aubele)

The criteria for the award have been posted to the NMAS website. The nominations are accepted on a rolling basis and an October 10th deadline has been set for annual consideration of nominees. Awards will occur at the annual meeting scheduled for November 5, 2022. There were several excellent nominees from last year that can be considered for the award in 2022. Jayne will contact the nominators from last year to confirm the re-nominations of those nominees. Jayne has several line items in the 2022 budget to use for the teacher awards, plaques, and travel expenses.

Cecilia will be at the NMAS booth for the NM Science Teachers' Association conference in Socorro.

Jayne is in favor of NMAS participation in sponsoring a lecture at the NMMSH during the exhibition on Chocolate. She is currently researching persons for the lecture. An alternative is to sponsor Larry Crumpler on the next Mars exhibit which will host a satellite on loan from Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

12. Journal of Science (Anton for Vlad)

The Journal is still in need of more papers for the next edition. Vlad has contacted the Jr. Academy winners to invite submission of the winning papers from last year's JAS competitors. The 2022 budget contains funding for Journal licensing and on-line Journal fees.

13. Public Relations Committee (Diane Peebles)

Diane will start a membership drive through letters to the Deans of Arts & Science and Vice-Presidents of Research at state-wide universities. She was encouraged to create a poster for bulletin boards. She

will circulate information to board members prior to distribution. Board members suggested the Los Alamos Foundation as an entity needing information about NMAS. Anton will work with Intel on the same task. Jayne has information from the past provider, Bright Ideas. They are probably able to provide stickers, pens, and other swag with the NMAS emblem.

14. Liaison Reports (Highlands, ENMU, NMSU)

Zhiming Liu reported Eastern held a student research conference this year. It did not sponsor the annual 6-12 grade Science Fair due to lack of student participation. Zhiming has encouraged his students to submit manuscripts to the EPSCoR conference with NMAS in November 2022. He has also been in contact with the NM Legislative Finance Committee through his son, who does budget for the LFC. He reported that New Mexico teachers received a 7% raise this year and LFC is working on free tuition for NM college students. Some board members suggested that NNAS support free tuition for STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) students rather than students in all disciplines. No decision was made on this suggestion.

Dr. Rod Rock has not been in communication with NMAS in the past year. This leaves NM Highlands in Albuquerque without a liaison. Malva will attempt to contact Dr. Rock while Deb will contact Dr. Stephen Weatherburn from Las Vegas to join the board.

15. Annual Meeting (Britney, Anton)

Babu as President-Elect is in charge of the next meeting with EPSCoR. Brittney sent a written report as follows: *Planning for the 2022 New Mexico Research Symposium on November 5th is trucking along. It will be held at the UNM student union building and NM EPSCoR is coordinating with AFRL, LANL, and Sandia on a special postdoc flash talk competition. NM EPSCoR has decided to create a new event logo for the symposium. Design is in the initial stages, if you have any ideas, please send them to bvdw@epscor.unm.edu. Finally, NM EPSCoR is honored to continue partnering with NMAS on the New Mexico Journal of Science and into the future on our next NSF grant proposal.*

NMAS must provide the speaker for the annual meeting. Members suggested David Bustos. He discovered human footprints in fossil form at White Sands. Jayne mentioned there is disagreement among local scientists but this speaker does acknowledge the disagreements. Deb recalled that we have travel and honorarium money (\$750) in the budget for this speaker.

Anton will work with Babu to set up the adhoc committee for judges for the student scholarship. NMAS will make arrangements with EPSCoR to give the two annual teacher awards, and the Dr. Igor Sevostianov Scholarship award.

11. New Business

12. Old Business

Malva will correct dates of terms on the NMAS Roster of Officers.

13. Adjourn

Anton called to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 pm.