



NMAS Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2023 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

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

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3560956121?pwd=MWNqZW5RWjV5K3FYdjBCbHVWTEhsQT09>

1. Call to Order

David Schultz introduced himself as the newest elected member. The remaining members introduced themselves as this is the first in-person meeting since the start of Covid.

2. Roll Call

Guests & Members P= Present A = Absent Z= Zoom

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

4. Approval of the agenda (Malva)

The board approved the agenda with the following additions: Malva added discussion of NMAS Newsletter annual content plans. Deb added a discussion of location of board meetings.

5. Secretary's Report (Malva Knoll)

Malva called for approval of the minutes of the August 2022 meeting. (Malva Lynn) Motion passed.

Malva reported on these electronic motions passed since the last meeting. All were entered into the current minutes.

1. Approve election results from November-December 2022 ballot for David Schultz as Vice President Motion passed unanimously. Deb and Zhiming move to approve slate of officers.
2. Approve motion to appoint Malva as NMAS Secretary 2023 (Deb, Diane) Electronic voting reported by Diane. Malva was accidentally omitted on the December 2022 NMAS ballot for 2023 board officers
3. Babu sends request through Diane Peebles for approval of chairmen of the NMAS board as follows for 2023:

Junior Academy of Science; SWARM, AAAS, NAAS Delegate	Lynn Brandvold
Lecture Committee, NMMNHS Museum Liaison, Teacher Awards	Jayne Aubele

National Youth Science Camp	Margaret Showalter
Newsletter	David Schultz (help from Knoll,Loehman)
Public Relations / Communication	David Schultz
Editor, Journal of Science	Vladislav Sevostianov
Liaison NM Highlands University	Dr. Rod Rock
Liaison New Mexico State University Las Cruces	Dr. Cecilia Hernandez
Liaison Eastern New Mexico University Portales	Dr. Zhiming Liu
Webmaster / Format newsletter Nonvoting	Ellen Loehman (volunteer)

7. Treasurer's Report (Deb Thrall)

A finance committee comprised of Diane Peebles, Deb Thrall, Babu Chalamala, and Malva Knoll met on January 21, 2023 to create a proposed budget for 2023. Deb guided the discussion about the attached budget. Members approved the budget with comments and changes listed below. The Albuquerque Community Foundation reported annual numbers to Deb this week with a loss of \$4702.51 due to a downward trend in the Stock Market. There was an error in the amount of the Jr. Academy grant from Sandia National Laboratories on Line 122. It was changed from \$4500 to \$4000.

This proposed budget moves \$2000 from the Albuquerque Community Foundation Endowment to the Checking account for use by the Academy because it ran a deficit for the Jr. Academy of Science in 2022.

United Way contribution were solicited by Donivan Porterfield from Los Alamos employees in the past. Since Donivan's retirement from Los Alamos National Laboratories, no one has been soliciting funds from United Way at LANL. The NMAS needs this support to defray the current losses. The loss from Los Alamos is about \$3000. Other possible sources of grants or donations included Intel Corporation, META (Facebook) in Valencia County, and Air Force Research Laboratory. Deb suggested the Finance Committee meet in February to address these grant applications.

Malva mentioned a lack of any money in the proposed budget for new programs and the lecture series. Jayne suggested a plea to Life Members for financial support. Zhiming suggested a member solicitation in the next newsletter. Lynn had turned in requests for the JAS. She also recommended that NMAS could pay Ellen Loehman for website work in the NMAS budget rather than have it in the JAS budget.

Scanning of the NMAS Journal of Science hasn't been started, but Jayne now has a student intern who can begin. The budget decreased from \$1000 to \$500. Teacher travel award of \$500 was added to the annual Outstanding Teacher Award.

Total income last year was \$1358.55 total. We need a big push for membership. Diane appealed to state-wide Universities last year. It did not yield any results. David Shultz will help with his connection at Sandia Labs R & D. We must work to solicit a LANL staff member to replace Donivan Porterfield.

The board removed \$1000 from line 97 for the Igor Sevostianov scholarship award to graduate student for 2023. It may return as every other year appropriation.

Deb will research the timing of drawing out money from Foundation during the year. The current policy of re-investing all earned income is not feasible this year due to underfunding. Deb will withdraw money monthly or quarterly.

Standing Committee Reports

8. Newsletter / Website (Ellen Loehman)

No report

9. National Youth Science Camp (Margaret Showalter)

Margaret provided a written report to the Secretary. She is currently soliciting nominees for this year 2023. She has hosted a webinar for the students to help with application process. There is a change in eligibility this year adding Juniors to the previously eligible Seniors in high school who can apply for the program. The camp will return to in-person attendance after a Zoom hiatus due to Covid. Margaret has help from Pat Duda to evaluate the applicants.

10. NM Junior Academy of Science (Lynn Brandvold)

There will be only four regional competitions this year. Southwest and Southeast region will not be holding a competition. Malva Knoll, Director of the Central (Albuquerque) region, will accommodate any students from these regions. There will be an increase from 3 monetary awards to 4 place awards at each region and the state competition. Lynn is expecting some excess money from her original projection due to the loss of 2 regional competitions. There is about \$7600 committed for awards. Due dates have been set for all 4 regions. Competitions finished mid-March with state competition April 14 2023. The NMAS web page is updated. Lynn will request \$5000 from Sandia in the next grant cycle. This is the maximum where we have previously only requested \$4000.

11. Teacher Award – Lecture Series (Jayne Aubele)

We had only one new nomination in 2022. We need a larger push for soliciting nominees including publicity in the local newspaper and for local legislators when winners are announced. Jayne suggests use of a publicity Press Release, This template will be created by David for use with all of our programs

There is some social media PR through EPSCoR at the annual meeting. There will be a resurgence of the lecture series at the Natural History Museum. Larry Crumpler will be doing a lecture on the current Mars Rover with an exhibit. NMAS can partner with the Museum for any upcoming lectures.

12. Journal of Science (Anton for Vlad)

Vlad had input into newsletter content calendar developed by Malva. Malva made his suggested date changes for the publication of the Journal and PR.

13. Public Relations Committee (Diane Peebles)

Diane brought in stickers and Post-It note pads. These are available for pick up at the Natural History Museum to any board members who need them.

14. Liaison Reports (Highlands, ENMU, NMSU)

Cecilia had no current reports for NMSU. She had no information on science fair. She sent a call to two school districts for the Youth Summer Program through the social media account. This call was successful. NMSU is in a state of transition with personnel, including changes in Chancellor, and Provost. The NMSU directors have approved a cluster hire in STEM within three departments, Computer Science, Science and Math Departments

Zhiming noted policy changes including the loss of two new Chancellors and current provost. He suggested a letter from the NMAS President requesting appointment a new regional director for Science Fair. The new University Chancellor will hopefully be supportive.

15. Annual Meeting

The Rio Grand Slam will be held with the 2023 annual meeting as it was in 2022. Brittney Van Der Werff mailed an evaluation of the joint annual meeting with EpSCoR held in November 2022 to the NMAS President and Secretary. It recommended reducing the time allotted for giving the teacher awards during the lunch.

11. New Business

Newsletters are sent to all members. We keep all past members enrolled, and they are recorded in the Mail Chimp data base termed Audience. Membership has not had regular solicitations and David suggested NMAS might need an automated system to send out announcements in email. PayPal sends notices of membership payment however, MailChimp is not connected to PayPal. David suggested membership Directory on-line might be useful. Malva and Ellen Loehman will work on linking Mailchimp and PayPal in order to update the membership. The connections to people are valuable in promoting NMAS to the general public.

Deb reviewed the four time year meeting schedule of NMAS board meetings. She is suggesting that NMAS rotate the physical meeting location among other Albuquerque Museums including Nuclear Science, Balloon Museum and Explora. The physical address and archives of NMAS are currently at the Natural History Museum although NMAS does have a PO Box. Deb will research a location for the next meeting. Board members requested that NMAS maintain a Zoom option for all NMAS meetings.

Jayne announced that October 14 is the next lunar eclipse . Albuquerque is the largest city and the center of the eclipse orbit. Telescopes will be at Hispanic cultural center, Nuclear Science Museum, and the Balloon Museum. NASA will have a booth on the balloon field with telescopes. NMAS board members can manage a table at each site. Malva will research reprinting of the NMAS flyer for this event. David will order NMAS stamped pencils to accompany the flyer. STEM day at the Nuclear Science Museum begins. is Feb. 18, 2023 with support from EPSCoR.

Cecilia announced the Educators Rising state conference in Albuquerque on Feb 23-25, 2023. Thursday evening has an event at Explora along with the activities at the Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque. Cecilia will forward information to the NMAS board.

12. Old Business

None.

13. Adjourn

The dates for the **next NMAS board meetings** were set for **April 29, 2023 and August 26, 2023. The Annual meeting will be held in November with EPSCoR.**

Jayne, moved to adjourn the meeting, Cecelia seconded the motion.