

NCSTA Full Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021

Format: Web Ex

Members Present: Tomika Altman, Amanda Clapp, Adrienne Evans, Gavin Fradel, Tim Guilfoyle, Cliff Hudson, Carrie Jones, Ann McClung, Carol Maidon, Joette Midgett, Brad Rhew, Kristana Rogers, Lindsay Smith, Mike Tally, Lisa Tolley, Sandra Weitzel, Brain Whitson, and Brad Woodard

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m..

Quorum was established.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda for previous meeting minutes, today's agenda and Treasurer's Report made by Brad Woodard and seconded by Carol Maidon.

Agenda Items

- I. Awards (asked to skip)
- II. Nominations (Amanda Clapp), email has been sent there needs to be 1 nomination for each of the positions the even districts and Secretary and President-Elect; we would like to have more than 1 name for each position. Keep looking for folks, competition is a good thing.
- III. Communication----It was mentioned that Allie Dinwiddie has taken another job and she will complete the September NCSTA Reflector publication, she will not be able to attend PDI. It was mentioned that the previous Reflector publication was a great one. We are currently looking for someone to take her place. Please let Sandra know if you are interested or you know of someone that would want to do this. This publication is done on free software.
- IV. Conference (PDI) Committee Report (Carol Maidon)
 - Kizzy Corbett is confirmed as a keynote speaker and is looking forward to honoring Kenneth Cutler, she will now be the keynote speaker on Thursday due to being in Winston-Salem to honor Kenneth Cutler with the Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously.
 - Carol received a withdrawn email from astronauts. We have in mind a retired astronaut for the keynote address that would not require the long waiting period to get Christina Koch.
 - Joette reviewed the importance of the assignments each board member has for PDI.
 - PDI Stats: 20 rented booths down from 2019, 3 commercial sessions, this is the year of the Rock Give-Away.
 - Field Trip to Pilot Mountain (organized by Randy Bechtel). Participants will shuttle to the summit to watch the sunset and go back to the Visitor Center for

Heavy Hor Dourves. Price for this event is \$10 paid with credit card and is non-refundable, time for this would be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Maximum participants-20 people.

- 150 Presenter Applications for 120 sessions, this will be a good prediction of PDI attendance. There will be a meeting on July 31st with Carol and Manley to choose the presenters, it will either be in Raleigh or Sneads Ferry. Selected presenters will be notified by August 6th. Keep in mind presenters will need to register earlier rather than later. Someone will be needed to coordinate room sessions, etc.
- The Burroughs-Wellcome Grant has been approved.
- Remember your board job sign ups either prior to or during PDI.
- Share-A-Thon organization is ongoing, a handful of people have signed up to date.
- We need volunteer signups for the Registration Desk, NCSTA Booth and Parking Validation, for any of these, you would not need to work the entire time just a 1 or 2 hour shift. As reminded, we need all hands on deck with everyone helping to showcase and be host of PDI.
- Amanda Clapp is in charge of board member sleeping room reservations (signup forms to come in the form of a Google Doc).
- Tom Savage is in charge of Grant-A-Wish, this is ready to start, timeline and deadlines are needed.
- Brian Whitson expressed interest in helping with Sessions In A Box (Sessions for No Show Presenters). It was mentioned for board members assisting with this to not have long hours of preparation in putting these together.
- Publicity is ongoing.
- Cliff Hudson has talked with Joby Cook from the NC Space Grant and they will provide 500 NASA bags as giveaways. NASA will not be able to be at our conference due to regulations related to COVID-19, NASA will pay shipping to cover the bags, they are currently shut down but are slowly reopening. They will provide artifacts for space props at PDI

V. News From District Directors & Committee Chairs

- AMLE Conference--our own Amanda Clapp will present at the conference so she will not be able to attend our PDI.
- Lindsay Smith Farm Day will be in the early Fall
- Lisa Tolley---our Twitter account information will be sent out about PDI, a tweet will go out about the keynote speakers
- Joette shared that we are having a few registration problems because we are in transition from a shared to dedicated server. This is scheduled to take place on Friday.
- There was mention of John & Nancy Bray contribution to Science, they have Monarch Butterflies and their is a Ribbon Cutting on Sept. 18th as A Time for Science becomes NC Museum of Science at Contentnea Creek.

- Alissa had to go to Indiana due to a death in the family, Award nominations have ended
- Ann McClung mentioned that 1st Robotics of Pitt County has won the Chairman's Award, this year the World competition was done virtually due to COVID-19
- MaryKate Holden's mother passed away, please keep her in your thoughts
- Reminder for Board members to register for PDI
- Booths will have name tags closer to PDI
- In the Exhibit Hall NSTA will be paired with NCSELA; magazines or freebies will be provided in the booth
- Please have written reports for the next meeting District Directors and Committee Chairs
- Next meeting will be Thursday, September 16th which is one week earlier than originally scheduled at 6:30 p.m.
- The November meeting will be held at PDI Face-to-Face on 11/3 at 8 p.m. If you are on-site earlier in the day Wednesday to stuff the NASA bags, we will have a room to do this, NSELA's meeting will be held on Wednesday

Motion to Adjourn by Brian Whitson and seconded by Carol Maidon
Adjournment at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Woodard, NCSTA Secretary