

NORTH CAROLINA SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Meredith College

Saturday, January 28, 2017

10:00AM - 2:55PM

Board Members Present: Justin Tillett, Manley Midgett, Joette Midgett, Kay Swofford, Linda Stoud, Mike Tally, Tammy Schooley, Lori Khan, Sandra Weitzel, Carrie Jones, Vincent Palmer, Amanda Clapp, Angela Adams, Mary Ellen Durham, Nathan Stack, Evelyn Baldwin, Ann McClung, Monique Simmons, Becky Dunstan, Kim Alix, Beverly Lyons

Board Members Not in Attendance: Brad Woodard, Valerie Sellars, Sharon Green, Fred Beyer, Stephanie Grady, Carol Maidon, Nina Daye, Judy Day, Carolyn Elliot, Renee Coward

Call to Order by President Angela Adams at 10am.

Welcome and Introductions – Angela Adams

Greet and Meet – ice breaker

Letter Writing – President elect Mike Tally reminded the board of the recent state election of two new people, Roy Cooper, our new state governor and Mark Johnson the new head of DPI. Tally asked that the board send them a letter of congratulations on their election and inform them of what we'd like to see done in science education for North Carolina. Tally feels the board should report to these new elected officials that the university pipeline of upcoming teachers is grim, ask them to add a line item in the state budget for science equipment, and then invite them to the NCSTA PDI as key speakers.

Review of Roberts' Rules of Order – Angela Adams stated that voting is most important for board members. Justin Tillett added that everyone can discuss and make a motion and second it, but that voting members are the executive board and district directors. The board should vote on whether to stop the discussion then vote on the actual issue. The board must have at least five directors to make a quorum.

Manley Midgett made the motion that Mike Tally and Fred Beyer draft letters to the governor and the head of DPI representing NCSTA, explaining how they can serve teachers and how NCSTA can better serve the teachers. The letters can include success stories, the need for professional development support backing this up with evidence. (How the following can influence and support science teachers - governor, DPI, house and senate leaders. Motion was seconded by Vincent Palmer. Motion carried.

2016 Conference

Immediate Past President Carrie Jones– Jones shared the NCSTA PDI survey feedback, a powerpoint listing counties and the number of teachers who were sent to the 2016 PDI.

Joette Midgett reported that NCSTA needs sponsors, that it takes 62,000\$ to put on a great show no matter how many participate. Jones thinks that teachers don't know what the NCSTA PDI will do for them. Beverly Lyons reported that many counties are holding very good professional development locally.

Minutes of Previous Meeting were viewed on NCSTA google drive via Beverly Lyons.

Justin Tillett made the motion that the board accept the minutes as edited. Amanda Clapp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasure's Report - Justin Tillett reported that the raffle made a little less than \$1500. He suggested that next year ask participants to only bid on what they want. He recommended NCSTA give a free ticket at the registration desk at next year's PDI. Winners should be called during the lunch break. The most financial gain in the raffle was through big ticket items.

Tillett reminded the board that Reimbursement for mileage is \$.54/mile, \$67.30/night/hotel state rates. He asked the board to be sure to ask the hotel for the North Carolina mandated rate. Board may request mileage reimbursement and hotel if from far away.

Manley Midgett made the motion to accept the treasure's report. Beverly Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lunch Break: 11:45 - 12:30

New Business

Angela Adams said that scaling down the PDI next year will change vendor participation due to lower attendance.

Carrie Jones stated that the 2017 PDI theme will be "Modeling STEM: ingenuity at work!"

Discussion: PDI strains - test taking strategies, standards - teaching for understanding; how to write good test items in your classroom; minority STEM; ACT test.

Carrie Jones power point presentation highlights:

Hard deadline on program final version

Get elections done earlier prior to PDI

Advertise company logo to show commercial

Recruit higher quality presenters

Keynote speaker - national geographic, governor

Leverage non-profit connections

Shorten awards ceremony

Justin Tillett made a motion to change the Article XI, Section 11 of the constitution on voting procedures of the organization. Mary Ellen Durham seconded the motion.

Current Article XI, Section 11 currently reads: (Yellow will be to changed.)

All elections may be conducted electronically. Only those individuals who are members in good standing will be allowed to vote. A current membership number will also be required. Balloting will be conducted both using the web site and through terminals which will be accessible during the evening prior to and the first day of the annual Professional Development Institute. Voting will close at 6:00 pm on the first day of the PDI. Results will be published during the first general session on the second day of the annual meeting.

Change the wording of Article XI, Section 11 to the following:

All elections may be conducted electronically. Only those individuals who are members in good standing will be allowed to vote.

Joette Midgett will send this change to the membership.

Awards ceremony changes: cut the speeches about the awardees except for the highest levels. Print a program that includes the awardee accomplishments.

Carrie Jones established the following committees for PDI:

Raffle/fundraiser

Advertising/promotions

Sponsorships for teachers

Conference connections

NCSTA Science Umbrella

Carrie Jones asked that the board consider for 2018:

Co-hosted with NSTA in Charlotte

NCSTA booth be out front

30\$K guarantee

Maintain communications and membership during this year is paramount

2019 PDI: President elect Mike Tally lead a discussion on the 2019 PDI . Koury Convention Center in Greensboro is available in October of 2019. Tally asked for suggestions for other sites for this future PDI.

Budget – Justin Tillett compared 2016 actual to 2017 budget. Board discussion followed. Tillett suggested NCSTA give presenters a token monetary incentive.

The board voted on the budget – \$123,000 with the reduction of \$4000 for a retreat (will be omitted this year.) All approved.

2019 25000\$ drop to 5000\$ due to NSTA regional funding in 2018
Kay Swafford will receive a retainer and visit NSTA conference to vet vendors in 2018

Committee Reports

Awards - Ann McClung- Due date is August 20 but is requesting nominees be submitted by the end of the school year from district directors.

Science Olympiad - Manley Midgett reported that March 25 is the state science fair, April 22 is Science Olympiad. He asks that directors reach out to these events for possible award nominees.

Multicultural - Monique Simmons- volunteer get snow days back

Nominating: Mary Ellen Durham- the even districts are up for elections

Nontraditional/Informal ED: Becky Dunstan met with DPI with the agenda of connecting school classrooms to out of the classroom learning centers.

Environthon: Sandra Weitzel reported that the environthon and natural resource competitions dates are all resources on line. The 2019 North American competition is to be held at NC State.

Announcements

Meeting Dates: March 11, Sept 9, Oct. 18-20

March meeting will focus on membership and PDI only.

Next steps – awards.

2019 PDI - Oct. 15-18

Meeting Adjourned

With no further business President Angela Adams adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Lyons (NCSTA Secretary)**