

We held a virtual meeting on August 11th at 2 p.m.  
These were the items discussed:

Save the Date for Our NSTA Regional Conference in Charlotte November 29-December 1, 2018 Make sure you talk to the vendors in Charlotte. Network as many places as you can (workshops, Exhibit Hall, reception, etc.) We will meet on Wednesday night of the Charlotte Conference at 8 am. NCSELA will have a social before our NCSTA Board Meeting, stop by if you can.

Board members at the NSTA Conference in Charlotte will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn, there will be a block of rooms reserved. Thursday afternoon the 29th will be the Share-A-Thon led by many of our board members in the disciplines of Earth Science, Physical Science and Biology. A speaker will follow after the Share-A-Thon with the Awards Program and Reception following. The Exhibit Hall will be on the ground floor of the Convention Center and the Grand Opening for it will be at 11 am. Thursday. Our NCSTA Booth will need to have board members present for one to two hour shifts. Function of our booth is to network, answer questions and pass out Save The Date Cards for our 2019 conference.

Next year's conference will be November 14-15 with our Board Meeting being held that Wednesday.

We discussed having a Student Competitions Committee with Manley being chair of this due to his involvement with Science Olympiad and Science Fair. Burroughs Wellcome will once again sponsor our reception on Thursday night at the conference. Clarification was given as to appointed vs. elected committees as well as the difference between standing and ad hoc committees. District directors and Executive Board members are the ones that can vote. We discussed having a new board member orientation meeting at some time during the conference in Charlotte.

Dates for our upcoming meetings were discussed:

Saturday, January 26th Key Item---Budget  
at Meredith College

Saturday, June 22nd

Saturday, August 3rd

This date could be a virtual meeting

It was suggested that the June 22nd date could be part of a Board Retreat. 1 night and 2 days the length of said retreat.

Manley is the interim treasurer.

Manley will work with Burroughs Wellcome to help to fund the Reception on Thursday of the NSTA Conference.

Mike Tally sent letters to Fred Beyer's family thanking him for his longtime service to NCSTA. Mike, Carol Moore and Manley attended a meeting with NCSLA in July asking about partnerships amongst both organizations.

CAG stands for Committee for Associated Groups A two day conference is held in the summer.

We discussed how to get more people to our NCSTA Conference

\* More Traffic in the Vendor area

\* Increase the number of vendors, they reported less traffic in the last few years

\*Share-A-Thon in the Exhibit Hall possibly

\*Give-Aways

\*Vendor Tickets for a technology device (sphero's, Raspberry Pi)

\*In Charlotte, if attendees from NC come to our booth they can get tickets and win raffled items at speaker event before the Awards Reception.

We discussed what is or is not okay to post on social media; what guidelines and administrator rights. Brian W. needs a committee that will decide on this; we do not need to be political or personal. What should be on the social media outlets are grants, drive-in's resources. We need to stay away from controversial topics.

Twitter will be an outlet that the 30 and under age group would enjoy.

It was mentioned about EF Tours (where teachers can travel out of the country). Mike mentioned his travels to Costa Rica. These opportunities need to be promoted through our organization. These also could be grant opportunities.

It was mentioned about the "Make A Wish" request. Teachers can request what they need and why. Description of this must be given in detail, not in excess of \$500. District directors need to promote these grants as well as our social media presence.

Manley made a motion about the Make-A-Wish program to move \$2000 from grants. You must be a member of NCSTA to be granted this.

Make sure you register for your room for NSTA regional conference in Charlotte, this is being done differently this year. This will be done online as well as registration, Joette sent information through our board email.

It was suggested for our 2019 conference to have 10-12 workshop rooms instead of 21. NCSTA wants really good sessions, we talked about having a star system to rate presenters and sessions.

Articles need to be submitted to the Reflector as we have not had an issue in two years.

Respectfully Submitted,

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