

**Board Meeting of NCSTA
Saturday, August 22, 2020
Webex**

1. **Call To Order** by President Carol Maidon at 10:10 a.m.
 - a) Welcome
 - b) Roll Call

Members present were: Carol Maidon, Sandra Weitzel, Mary Ellen Durham, Mike Tally, Joette Midgett, Brad Woodard, Cliff Hudson, Michelle Chadwick, Evelyn Baldwin, Adriene Evans, MaryKate Holden, Tim Gulifoyle, Molly Barlow, Tom Savage, Manley Midgett, Carrie Jones, Brian Whitson, Kim Alix, Tomika Altman, Ralston James, Laura Lowder, Ann McClung, Brad Rhew, Alisa Wickliff Members not present: Carolyn Elliot
 - c) Quorum Established **YES**

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Approval the agenda by Manley Midgett, 2nd by Ralston James; approved unanimously

3. **Consent Agenda** (Carol Maidon)
 - a) Minutes: Ralston James made a suggestion to have the nays vote first for easier recording.
 - b) Treasurer's Report submitted through email by Mary Ellen Durham.

Motion: Brad motioned to approve all items in the Consent agenda, Ann McClung 2nd; motion carried.

4. **Operations Report**
 - a) Business Manager (Joette): Financial Report was sent out 1 week ago, does anyone have questions. She told us we have enough money to get through the end of the year due to a successful 2019 PDI
 - b) Conference Coordinator Report: Contracts approved for 2021

5. **Action Items**
 - a) **Finance Committee Motion** (Mary Ellen Durham and Finance Committee)

Mary Ellen voiced concerns about problems with e-transmissions on our website; many working organizations on the same shared server; sharing with Math Council, amend our budget to cover this, the increase is from \$25 to \$80.

Motion by Finance Committee The Finance Committee moves that the 2020 NCSTA Budget be amended from \$25 to \$80 to cover website utilities charges.

The rationale being a series of problems with our electronic transaction & NCSTA website resulting from server shared with other organizations. During Spring 2019, NCSTA board voted to join the Math Council and share the cost of the dedicated server so problems will be eliminated. Time to move the server. NCSTA pay ½ the cost while NCCTM pays the other half, this has already been approved by the board

and didn't include the increased cost in approved budget. This does require a board vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b) **Awards Celebration Time/Date** – Alisa Wickliff. Virtual Format Annual Mtg. and 51st Awards Program is proposed to be held November 5th at 4:30-5:45 p.m. Begin advertising this event to our membership. Governor Cooper has been asked to address to our membership

Agenda for the evening: Award winner announced. They can video their receipt of award being presented, Biology and Earth Science awardees announced, Brad Rhew will announce the grant winners; business meeting is required with the passing of the gavel.

Motion by Awards Committee: They move to have our Virtual Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration on Thursday, November 5th from 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

Awards Question from Cliff Hudson; could the district directors present in person, arrange for photo shoot and share on Zoom? Awards will go out at the end of September, there are limited visitors at school with social distancing for presentation (but they could involve district directors in the presentation). Also it was noted that the district directors would be recognized in the slides of their winners.

- c) **Conference Planner Committee Motion** (Sandra Weitzel). Kay Swofford put in her resignation as Conference Planner, a small committee was formed. Manley Midgett offered to plan this conference, the conference planner duties would be split into tasks among Joette and Manley, this will save the organization money.

Motion:

- 1) **NCSTA Board of Directors accepts Manley Midgett's proposal to act as the 2021 Conference Planner**
- 2) **The Conference Planners task will be a division of labor between Manley & Joette Midgett**
- 3) **Salary increase to be recommended by the Finance Committee for Joette's additional duties during the 2021 PDI to be approved during the Fall Board Meeting.**

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Constitution & ByLaws Committee** (Ann McClung, Chair, with Fanette H. Entzminger) Ann shared the proposed Bylaws amendments. Carol added colors; articles green, blue means changes passed already, flexibility due to virtual delivery to our conference, red action means action items. Daniel Entzminger (Fanette's son whose is a lawyer will look at the legalities for dissolution since he is an attorney

- Article 4 Section 2 Membership meetings---meeting if need arises by written request needs 10% of members, need to streamline the verbage, meeting is always held before our PDI
- Article 7 – Google Folder (Digital Folder copies of minutes digitally change from paper copies)
- Article 5 – already passed by Board of Directors
- Article 10 – already passed; dealing with conference planning; whole section highlighted.
- Articles of Incorporation – Copy put in digital folder--scan as pdf file (read-only copy). Joette has the original document of these. Any verbiage change requires vote of the membership

Motion: Amendment to the motion by Ann McClung 2nd by MaryKate Holden. Amendment to motion passed.

- Article 11 Nominations & Elections
Terms of Office: Secretary and Treasurer (no term limits), but proposed change would allow only two consecutive terms like District Directors.
Rationale: gives opportunities for others to get leadership opportunities. However, some members thought there needs to consistency in the Treasurer's position. MaryKate Holden suggested holding off on this change for a bit concern due to the 4 year limit then 2 more years before coming back on board.

Motion: An amendment to the motion amending Article 11 Section 4 be eliminated. Who made the motion? MaryKate seconded. Amendment to motion passed.

- Article 16 - Dissolution of Organization all funds would go to NC Academy of Student Science 5013C Section 2 strike Board of Directors and Executive designates NC Student Academy of Science; very little funding left. Where do we want the funds to go; must be to a 5013C institution

Motion to accept the proposed Constitutional Changes with Amendments Article 7 the addition of the constitution with bylaws be digitally kept and removing the proposed change to Article 11 Section 4 was passed with unanimous consent

The proposed changes will be sent to everyone electronically at least 30 days in advance and voting will be posted on the website.

6. Discussion Items

- a) Ad Hoc Outreach Committee (Mike Tally) shared ideas
 - Created YouTube Channel with help of Brian Whitson and Tom Savage all members were emailed about this channel, it was also shared on our Facebook page
 - Town Hall meeting with District Directors possible format, what are they experiencing with needs and support (by grade/subject

- area)
- gmail account started ncstatech@gmail.com
- Webinars
- Richard Byrne Pre-Tech Tool for Teachers kaitlintucker.com hybrid learning
- Ologies (podcast)

b) Professional Development for Teachers

- **Be listeners for our members MOST IMPORTANT THING**
- Zoom meeting format; listening sessions
- Board volunteers for sessions:
 - Elementary: Brad Rhew, Laura Lowder, Manley, and Tomika
 - Middle School: Ann McClung, Michelle Chadwick, Mary Ellen Durham, Cliff Hudson
 - High School MaryKate Holden, Cliff Hudson, Molly Barlow, Tom Savage
- Ann suggested a Survey Monkey survey to members as well as District Directors
- Timeframe (later This Fall) send requests to register; contact people who attended a recent summit.
- Developing PD - NCSELA focuses on topics each month. PD is important for teachers lacking CEU's nearing licensure expiration Breakout Sessions by content Physical Science, Earth Science as examples
- Several of our board members have paid zoom status; breakout sessions can share screens Limits on Web Ex---Carol will send out possible weeks for these town hall sessions

**** Take 10-minute break 12:25-12:35 p.m.****

7. **President's Report (Carol Maidon)** Time Sensitive Matter (Report Sent)

Advocating Efforts: HEROES BILL COVID-19 funding for many institutions including funding for schools and institutions of higher education Policy---we need to take what action we can. Carol Maidon sent a letter to our NC Senators; the bill is to negotiate with the House of Representatives to fund a bill for COVID relief. Carol explained the process for time sensitive matters is to have an electronic vote of all our voting members, but then to report it at our next scheduled board meeting.

8. **District Director's Report**

- District 2 Michelle Chadwick STEM Industry Videos used for application purpose; she will share a link to keep STEM Enrichment Programs
- District 5 MaryKate Holden shared updates on facebook page
- District 8 Tom Savage shared report along with quarterly newsletter (copy was shared with us)

9. **Committee Reports**

- a) **Goals/Membership** (Manley Midgett)

- If PD is good, membership will increase.
 - Free for membership \$30 for non-members but this is like a membership
 - Membership Drive---bulk of revenue not on memberships but conference registration at PDI.
 - Why be a member of NCSTA---write an advertisement on our website about what membership for us entitles you to: grant opportunities, PD, resources, workshops/Drive-In's, etc..
 - Send out a blast to members to rejoin
 - Our vendors to PDI are rolling out virtual products.
 - Our exhibitors at PDI are ones we should reach out to during this virtual period
 - Different levels of sponsorships needed; someone from these companies can provide a demo.
 - Door prizes for the awards ceremony from vendors; ask Kay which sponsors/vendors before she leaves her position given she knows them well
 - Town Hall Door Prizes
- b) Trust Fund (Manley Midgett) Fred Beyer's annual contribution
- c) Nominations (Carrie Jones) wait to open up until constitutional change
- These districts are up for election 1, 3, 5, 7 President-Elect MaryKate Holden and Treasurer
 - Bios & Mission Statements are needed for those running, will be on the website soon.
 - Voting will open for 30 days, ByLaw changes will be done at the same time
- d) Grants (Brad Rhew)
- We have received 4 grant applications (most in several years)
 - The committee will be reviewing them soon and will make recommendations to the board (see emailed attachment reports sent to members)
- e) Universities have gone virtual: NC State and ECU as well as UNC-Chapel Hill
- f) Multicultural: (Tomika Altman): Anti-Racism/diversity and Equity Statement will be presented at the next meeting
- g) Non-Public Schools (Kim Alix): Contacted Diocese of Charlotte, The Mosaic School and The Home School Network also Alexis Wood DPI Liaison search for committee members.
- h) NCSLA Liaison (Ann McClung):
- Monthly meeting webinars (5:30-7 p.m.) with CEU's available (Sept. thru Dec.)
 - Various Topics--free to members, UNC-W is hosting
 - Beverly Lyons (Past President) has worked hard setting these up.
 - Membership is \$40

Next Meeting during an evening will be held virtually with full board

Agenda will include

- 1) vote on Grants
- 2) any other pressing matter
- 3) concepts for PD, last at tops 30-45 minutes

Motion to Adjourn made by MaryKate Holden and 2nd by Cliff Hudson @ 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Brad Woodard, NCSTA Secretary