

NCSTA Full Board Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2022

Virtual Format: Zoom

Called to Order by President MaryKate Holden @ 6 p.m.

Members Present: Carol Maidon, Tomeka Altman, MaryKate Holden, Joette Midgett, Manley Midgett, Teresa Cowan, Brian Whitson, Lisa Tolley, Krista Remsberg, Jennifer Stalls, Tom Savage, Sandra Weitzel, Brad Rhew, Gavin Fradel

**(Quorum not established)**

Thanks to those who sent in Committee reports on the Google form.

Thanks also to all that helped with the Virtual PDI in February. Those who presented, served a Zoom room hosts, etc. was greatly appreciated and needed to make it a great success.

Hopefully we will be in person for our next PDI. We certainly know how to put on a Virtual PD.

**Treasurer's Report**

March 21, 2022

Considering dues, interest, fees, contributions, and (\$5,200.00) from the virtual conference registrations, The North Carolina Science Teachers Association received an income of \$6,692.81 as of March 21, 2022. Expenses for the same period equaled \$8,573.80 resulting in a loss of \$1,880.99. The assets in the checking and savings accounts equaled \$138,270.47. This amount includes \$27,929.71 in checking and \$110,340.76 in savings.

Detailed financial information will be provided by the Business Manager in the March 2022 financial statements.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Ellen Durham,  
NCSTA Treasurer

Mary Ellen Durham shared the Treasurer's Report and it was shared our out through email.

Joette sent out the Profit/Loss Sheets and Financials through email to the board She highlighted that there was a smaller net loss than usual at this time of the year due to our Virtual PD in February. We will have to pull out money from savings, if registration stays on track we will not have to get too much out of savings.

The meeting minutes from last meeting and the financials have been emailed out.

**Recap on February Virtual PDI (Carol Maidon)**

Carol Maidon has the distinction of being the only president to plan two PDI's. She mentioned she could not have done this without the help of Joette and Manley.

Statistics: 160 attendees for the Virtual PDI, they can go back and look at the recordings of all sessions. These sessions and the PDI attendance can be used for CEU's. Personal point of privilege to thank Manley for calls to all presenters to make sure they were comfortable with Zoom. There were practice dry runs held the week before our PDI.

Carol also thanked the board members who served as Zoom room hosts.

Joette learned a new Zoom platform known as Zoom Advanced. There was great feedback from presenters that this is the way a virtual PD should run. The guest speaker was phenomenal. There were few glitches given each night's multiple sessions. There were few last minute substitutes that filled holes in our schedule. We received great feedback from members. Possible mini-workshop sessions for the spring similar to the spring of 2021. Carol told Sandra she hoped she would not have to plan 2 PD's.

Manley mentioned that we received nearly \$7,000 from Online registration and \$9,272 from Exhibitors. This was really good due to 2 years of no in-person PDI. He reported that the board came together better than he has seen in quite some time.

At 6:11 p.m., Tom Savage joined the meeting.

It was mentioned half of the district directors were on the meeting, resulting in no quorum.

Teresa Cowan (Awards) has to leave at 7 p.m.. She will give her report first.

#### Award Nominations (T. Cowan)

Teresa sent the report of Districts nominations to MaryKate based on what had been done in the past. These reports have since been emailed to the board every couple of weeks.

She asked people to push the May 31st deadline for award nominations. We need an excellent sampling of different awards, we need complete slates for each district.

Teresa asked about Social Media blasts for advertising of the nominations.

We currently do not have an Awards Nominations Committee but that will be set up after the deadline passes. Ann McClung has been consulted in regards to protocols on nominations.

Teresa will get in contact via email with Brian Whitson for publicity. He will create graphic regarding awards for the website. Remember, all nominations are online through the website.

Descriptions for each award are given on the website. Help for how to nominate is included.

Gavin from DPI will share on the DPI ListServ. Manley mentioned that Burroughs-Wellcome funds the reception for awards so we need to get nominations. It was mentioned that Lisa Tolley will be a good contact with the Office of Environmental Education for nominations. The esteemed Vi Hunsucker Award is an important one to get nominations for.

Krista Remsberg is the Nominations Chair and asked for the operations process and what particular roles she has. Past award winners could be willing to run for elections. District Directors can help with this. If someone is completing a first term they can run again for that position. Carol said to not forget that you have to share your written statement online on the website again.

It was shared that Mike Tally is out of the country currently but will present to the Kenan Fellows program on April 22nd. Mike will highlight the 10 Top Reasons to join NCSTA. Mike Tally is the Membership Chair. He has created Save-The-Date materials for our Fall PDI. The best way to share the dates of our Fall PDI is word of mouth. One opportunity for this is the Science Olympiad held the end of April. It will be important for Cliff to have a Save-The-Date for 2023. Advertise at any student competitions.

### **Fall DPI (Sandra Weitzel)**

Calls for Exhibitors and Presenters have been sent out online and through email. So far 9 Exhibitors are booked (2 are commercial and 7 are non-profits).

13 people have applied to be Presenters currently.

Benton Convention Center has been contacted—everything is right on track.

NASA will provide bags to attendees to PDI, we think Exhibitors will help with these. Manley will talk personally with all vendors, emails may go to different people. Manley is also planning the Math Conference as Conference Coordinators and is pleased to report that many who come to the Math Conference will come to our PDI. Hotel information has been linked to all Exhibitors then to Registers. We need Keynote speakers. Date for PDI is November 3-4, 2022. Share with your Science departments, county Science contacts, neighboring districts you have partnerships with.

Sandra said the Task List for board members has been sent out. Some board members have done these jobs before. If your name is bolded, you have said yes to your task and we thank you. Please respond to Sandra and Sandra to you individually. The list is below: Signs: Brad Woodard, Sessions Coordinator: Cliff Hudson, NCSTA Booth-Ann McClung, Conference Evaluation Coordinator: Carrie Jones, Share-A-Thons will be divided into Elementary, Middle School and High Schools divided into classifications: Life/Bio, Physical/Chemistry and Earth/Environmental (Lisa Tolley-Earth/Enviro. and Laura Lowder (Elem), Vendor Hospitality Coordinator: Adrienne Evans, Reception Coordinator: Cliff Hudson, Teresa Cowan and Carol Maidon to help, Early Bag Stuffing: Jennifer Crawford, Kelly Ficklin: Room Coordinator, Spin-A-Wheel: Adrienne Evans, Publicity: Brian Whitson, Grant-A-Wish: Tom Savage. Michelle Hafey will help with Middle School Share-A-Thon. Carrie Fugel can help Brian Whitson as well. Shift could be manned by board members for Vendor Hospitality. Board members will need to help with the Registration Booth. Most jobs are covered which is excellent. There is a draft schedule, we are not sure of the time the Awards Ceremony will be held. Sandra shared that she has recently retired as director of Soil/Water Conservation State Division. For 20 years, she has helped with their conferences and others. She mentioned that food at different time helps your attendees. Maybe one vendor or 2 could sponsor a lunch that would be something quick and easy. It is possible that the NC Peanut Growers could provide bags of peanuts as snacks. Ice Cream would also be a possibility. Reminder, the Awards Reception is catered with the Burroughs-Wellcome grant. Please let Sandra or Manley know if you have any ideas about funding for food. Could we have coffee breaks, or tea/cookies with a set amount. Friday Schedule needs to include Spin-A-Wheel and a boosting of Friday sessions as evidenced from the 2019 in-person PDI stated. Sandra pulled the Job Descriptions from the NCSTA Policy

document. We need all hands on deck and let Sandra know if anything needs to be amended. Our board will need to meet in June.

We could use our cities and nearby counties to publicize our PDI starting in August. MaryKate mentioned the meteorologist from WFMY Greensboro Channel 2 as an advocate for STEM as a contact for promoting our PDI. Contact Science Coordinators from these nearby locations. People in Forsyth County as well as the Greensboro area that could drive in to attend both days. Brad Rhew and MaryKate Holden will be contact for PDI. The question was asked "Are Principals going to allow teachers to travel to PD's with substitute shortages?" This could be a problem based on last year's lack of teacher coverage and bus coverage. Thoughts about more private versus public school attendees. Adrienne Evans stated that in her department teachers in her school would volunteer to cover teachers if they knew far enough in advance. Numbers were shared in the chat for the people who attended the NCTIES Conference. It was high. For teachers to attend with financial needs, local businesses could sponsor for say \$500 or so. It was also shared that local Farm Bureau offices have grants from Soil and Water Conservation for educational purposes of this nature. They could sponsor registration or hotel accommodations. They could have scholarships available if people were to fill out applications. Sandra mentioned that with the State of NC six months after retirement, you cannot discuss things from your previous employment.

It was mentioned that storms were occurring in the eastern part of the state. It was asked if any voting needed to take place. Minutes were tabled.

Next Meeting will be June 23rd @ 6:30 p.m. This was agreed to given the tight June schedules with end of school and graduations. Manley and Joette are not available during the 1st of June.

August Meeting (not sure of due to schedules for start back of school being influx. This meeting will be face-to-face. Location to be determined due to COVID protocols along with attendance limits. Meeting could be at UNC-G or at a state park facility. Teacher workdays would start in the middle of August. Tentative meeting on August 27th, 2022 with time TBD.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Brad Woodard, NCSTA Secretary