

General Business Meeting  
October 16, 2014

President Tom Cubbage opened the meeting by introducing the Board and Advisory Board.

Treasurer Carol Pleninger gave a treasurer's report and encouraged folks to update their memberships.

Election of Officers was held and the following positions were elected, appointed or renewed:

- Jessi Anderson, president-elect
- Region 1: Mark Halverson
- Region 2: Mary Sommerfield
- Region 3: Dan Bartsch
- Region 4: Wendi Dlakic
- Region 5: Steve Eversoll

Earth Science: Natalie McGrath  
Physics : David Hembroff  
Middle School: Shannon Jones  
Biology: Kim Popham  
Chemistry: Nathan Talafuse

Jen Fowler from the Montana Space Grant Consortium, who sponsored the MSTA luncheon, reported on projects from the Consortium.

Chris DeWald spoke about the state of NGSS in Montana, reminding us that many districts in Montana are adopting or implementing portions of NGSS. She also reminded members of resources and professional development opportunities available for teachers of science in Montana. She encouraged folks to connect with her via her listserve: [cdewald@mt.gov](mailto:cdewald@mt.gov)

Tom announced the e-Cyber mission and encouraged teachers to mention MSTA when registering and the MSTA receives some funds for promotion.

It was moved and seconded that the President and Executive Director write a letter of support for NGSS to the Board of Regents, Superintendent of Public Instruction and other appropriate officials.

Beth Thomas asked members to sign cards for the family of Diana Hedegaard, former MSTA Board member, who passed away in September, Glenn Govertson who is scheduled for heart surgery soon and the Montana Space Grant Consortium.

Certificates were presented to outgoing board members.

Ryan Hannahoe was awarded the Stacia L. Micheletto, MD Early Career Award.

John Graves was awarded the Distinguished Service Award.