

MSTA Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2016
Helena High School Room 210

Jessi Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Attendees: Jessi Anderson, Judy Boyle, Walt Woolbaugh, Katie Capp, Steve Eversoll, Natalie McGrath, Kim Popham, Michael Poser, Shannon Jones, John Graves

Katie Capp gave a treasurer's report. The current balance is \$6374. Katie recommended decreasing reimbursement, develop online membership platforms, offer member scholarships/grants that may generate more membership. A discussion ensued.

Regional Director & Advisory Board Reports:

- Steve Eversoll, Region 5, reported that they are entering discussions around the new state science standards, distinctions for graduating high school students and connections with business and the public.
- Natalie McGrath reported that Wendy Dlakic, Region 4, took a position in Texas for the year. She reminded us of SPOT, Shane Doyle was in a NOVA special called Human Odyssey is available to do school visits, Mark Greenough is available to visit and talk about avalanches, the state hydrologist is another good resource, the Montana Public Land Grant has grants to travel to public lands, The Last River discusses the potential of a dam on the Yellowstone River near Glendive, American Geoscience Institute, Earth Science Week webpage, use the National Forest Service, aquaponics systems.
- Walt Woolbaugh reported that Science Matters is going well in Montana and reminded folks to get information to him BEFORE the first of each month.
- Kim Popham reported that NABT's conference is in Denver in November and they are also soliciting members. The new AP Bio test is out and is receiving mixed reviews. Nominations are opened for the Outstanding Biology Teacher Award through NABT.
- Michael Poser mentioned that the Montana Geological Society has teacher award programs.
- Shannon Jones mentioned that state and federal parks are not advertising programs for middle school, but you can still call and ask. The same with the Bison Range.

Jessi mentioned vacant board positions, elementary & post-secondary.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

