

MSTA Board Meeting
October 17, 2018
Billings, MT

Present:

David Hembroff
Jessi Anderson
Jesse Henze
Kristi Gaines
Michael Poser
Katie Capp
Judy Boyle
Walt Woolbaugh
John Graves

President Judy Boyle called the meeting to order

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Katie gave the treasurer's report: the current balance is \$6731.25; renewals are up

Judy mentioned we have a joint membership with NSTA/MSTA

Regional report from Jess Henze. She is involved in leadership training and will use MSTA as her focus.

Kristi Gaines talked about getting more elementary teachers interested in science instruction.

The discussion centered around ideas to promote in other venues

Michael Posner mentioned Chemistry Ed Exchange as an online resource: chemedx.org; another resource: American Association of Chemistry Teacher

Ben Cummins reported that he has created an MSTA Earth science website

David Hembroff mentioned two opportunities that he will also promote at the luncheon. He also gave a shoutout to Walt and the e-blast

Vacant board positions

Website update

We will charge \$5.00 for the luncheon

Katie mentioned reimbursement sheets

The creation of a t-shirt contest was mentioned to work on for next year

Action Points:

- Katie: find someone to create a graphic as an email reminder for membership renewals
- Katie: List of board members who need name badges
- Katie: this is her last term...will step down after the Great Falls conference in
- John: update website to include NSTA/MSTA joint membership

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Judy Boyle introduced the MSTA Directors and Board

Katie Capp gave the treasurer's report. She reminded people they can pay membership dues online.

Judy reported that people can now do a joint NSTA/MSTA membership on the NSTA website.

Jessi Anderson and Jess Henze reported on the member benefit webinars. The next one is the end of October. The webinar recordings will eventually be password protected and only available to members.

Molly Ward reported on the first Montana Science Institute last summer. August 6 & 7, 2019 will be the next institute.

John Graves reported on the MSSE Program.

David Hembroff reported on physics opportunities for students. Teachers are needed to grade student papers online.

Michelle McCarthy reported on the Teacher Learning Hub through OPI.

Kim Popham awarded the Outstanding Biology Teaching Award to Lillie Apedaile.

Judy Boyle presented MSTA Awards to Chris Pavolich for Distinguished Service to Science Education; Linda Rost for Distinguished Service to Science Education; Rayelynn Brandl for Distinguished Service to Science Education; Kristi Gaines for Distinguished Service as Elementary Representative; Jessi Anderson for Distinguished Service as President; Judy Boyle as Distinguished Service as President-elect.

Kristi Gaines was elected President-elect.

Rayelynn Brandl was elected secondary representative.

The elementary representation position remains open and will be appointed by the president.

The meeting ended with door prize raffles.