

MNA Board Meeting Minutes

3/8/10 Dodge Nature Center 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Present: April Rust, Tara Rogness, Hallie Wunsch, Krista Prokosch, Jodi Gustafson, Cristina Palmisano, Crystal Wold, Pam Welisevich, Brett Sieberer and Josh Leonard

Not present: Tim Boyle

- I. Call to Order/Introductions 6:08pm
- II. Approve Agenda  
Motion to approve by Crystal, seconded by Hallie , approved by board.
- III. Approval of Jan Minutes (Appendix 1)  
Motion to approve by April, seconded by Tara
- IV. Secretary's Membership Report – Krista Prokosch
  - a. Appendix 2
- V. Treasurers Report – Pam Welisevich
  - i. Expense/income spread sheet (Appendix 3)  
Action Item – motion to approve by Hallie, seconded by Jodi, approved by board.
- VI. Committee Reports –
  - a. Nominating – Chair April Rust – no report
  - b. Conference – Chair Hallie Wunsch (Appendix 5)
    - i. Had planning meeting and have a lot committees in covered
    - ii. Brainstorm about keynotes and concurrent sessions
    - iii. Next meeting on March 17 (st. patricks day and Minnesota equinox)
  - c. Info Network – Chairs Tim Boyle/Jodi Gustafson (Appendix 6)
    - i. Website:
      1. Tim in process of turning over the website and a temporary page is about to go live
      2. Jodi to follow up with Tim on status of the website
      3. Discussion- do we hire someone to work on the website
    - ii. Newsletter: deadline coming up
      1. Articles bulletin items are due March 15<sup>th</sup>
      2. Keep track of when your articles are due
  - d. Naturalist Training – Chair Crystal Wold (Appendix 7)
    - i. Survey to go out
    - ii. Upcoming trainings in June
      1. June 14 @ Lowry- Technology and Interpretation
      2. June 7 @ St. John's Arboretum
  - e. Stewardship and Scholarship – Chair Brett Sieberer – (Appendix 8)
    - i. Rounding up articles from conference scholarship recipients
  - f. Fund Raising – Chair Tara Rogness (Appendix 9)
    - i. Recruiting committee members
    - ii. Wrote a fundraising article for the next newsletter
  - g. Field Trip/Social – Chair Cristina Palmisano (Appendix 10)
    - i. Last 7 am conference call for MAEE Conference planning
    - ii. Social hour at Chatterbox a success
    - iii. Party at Dodge
  - h. K-12 Committee – Josh Leonard (Appendix 11)
    - i. Discussion on meets vs addresses standards
    - ii. Will work on standards for grades 3-6; and a conference strand

- VII. Old Business 7:20pm
- a. Discussion on forming membership committee (April)
    - i. Membership committee has ebbed and flowed
    - ii. Membership committee
      1. Student rates
      2. Organization rates
      3. Committee: P/VP, secretary
    - iii. April and Krista meet to discuss goals of membership committee?
  - b. Update on techsoup for purchasing software/laptop (Tim/Tara)
 

**Action Item - vote on tabled motion- hold until next meeting**
- VIII. New Business 7:35pm
- a. Sponsoring members to promote MNA at events?
    - i. Discussed sending members to conferences and workshops- will evaluate opportunities on a case-by-base situation.
  - b. New agenda item - MnPN - Minnesota Phenology Network, a new group started this past weekend up at Wolf Ridge ELC - some exciting ideas and prospects. I would like to show folks a website from NPN (National Phenology Network) and mention a few other resources (Josh)
    - i. Moving it from a journaling hobby to a tool to track climate change
    - ii. Keeping track of
      1. National Phenology network- USA NPN
      2. Journey North
      3. Globe protocols- phenology protocols
    - iii. Moving away from science of firsts, moving to science of phases
  - c. Nominating brainstorm session (April)
    - i. Quick brainstorm of location, roles and skills of board members
    - ii. Brainstorm names next time
- IX. Accountability – Who is doing what before the next meeting 7:45pm
- a. Brett- three people will submit articles
  - b. Pam- Still working on budgets for “real” numbers
  - c. Josh- finish going through standards
  - d. Crystal- Coordinate upcoming June trainings
  - e. Cristina- plan a cabin party, go to a conference and plan Crex Meadows field trip
  - f. Jodi- meeting with Tim to discuss website/laptop
  - g. Krista- send out minutes, meet with April to discuss membership committee, get survey results to Crystal
  - h. Hallie- conference planning meeting, talking to Sue from St. Croix
  - i. Tara- Continue with Techsoup registration and qualifications, sending out letters for donations
  - j. April- submit article for newsletter, send eval, send legislative info, meet with Krista
- X. Next Meeting
- a. May 10, 2010 @ Springbrook Nature Center
- XI. Adjournment @ 8:00pm
- Motion to adjourn by Crystal, seconded by Jodi, board approves adjournment.