

In attendance: Tamre Mockus, Gerry Frumento, Chris Ozmun , Sandy Justin, Eloise Farmer. Melinda Meyers, Sarah Faulkner, David Lopath, Ray Delahunt, Chris Baker, Ralph Yulo

Liz Buttner joined us for a brief update on the progress at the state in terms of NextGen Science. She answered questions and reiterated the main changes in the new frameworks: three years of high school science required, integration of the three dimensions and incorporation of engineering practices. Two new math-science partnerships are being developed for teacher training and NGSS modeling. She suggested that in the meantime districts use the completed crosswalk document and focus on content strands that are in both standards. State is looking at a partnership with CAFE for developing materials.

Beth read through the minutes of May 21, 2014. They were approved as read.

Chris reported on the website. It is not getting a lot of traffic and is a low priority when responding to a Google search. He is going to try to get other state organizations to add a link to our website. He is also going to send info about the dinner meetings. Sarah suggested that CSTA/Laurel also send out the info. She suggested that the info be in the email, rather than a link. Location of meeting also should be included.

Membership: About 12 to 15 people have renewed or joined through the website. Lauren suggested that an email blast with the info that dues can be paid on-line be sent out. Discussion and ideas were shared concerning the process of payments, who is responsible for what and how everything can be expedited. Concern was expressed over the PayPal cost per member.

Treasurer's Report: Document was shared by Tamre, as Kathy was not able to attend. Current balance is \$9,252.87 (Checking \$1,980.47; money Market \$7,172.40).

Tax Exempt Status: Melinda reported on progress. Organization has refiled at a cost of \$850. IRS has acknowledged that they have received the file. We have requested that this is retroactive, but the previous three years of filling costs will need to be paid. We have 18 months from last December to complete this process.

Presenters at Dinner Meetings: Joe DeGarbo in October, Josiah Hill in December, off-site at Dinosaur Museum, Liz Buttner in May

Dinner Meetings: 13 people have signed up. Melinda reviewed sponsorship of dinners: Jon DiVito asked for the off-site location. National Geographic wanted to return, Ward Conglomerate also interested. Eloise suggested that there are two sponsors at each (equipment and print resources). Melinda will pursue this.

Recognition: Babu George Award at October meeting. Mary Servillo, Bridgeport, is awardee.

Board Meeting Dates and Dinner Providers:

- October 29: Sarah
- February 25: Chris
- May 20 (Joint with CSTA): Eloise and Sandra

CSSA Anniversary Recognition Discussion: 35 years! Sandy suggested that we get a celebratory cake for the May dinner. Melinda and Nancy spent the summer digitizing the archives. They found lots of good information. Gerry suggested that we try to get in touch with some of the founding members to come to the May dinner. Tamre suggested that we have a year to plan this; it doesn't have to be done this year. Nancy asked that any print materials from the last 10 years be passed on to her.

CSTA Fall Conference: Ralph reported that the middle and high school slots are filled. He is hoping that the upcoming elementary workshops will spark people's interest. April 8, 2015, is the Awards Banquet. He asked that all of us think of making nominations for the awards. Deadline is November 16, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. and members joined the CSTA meeting.