

MSTA Board Meeting
July 19, 2011 10:00 am

Summer Meeting via Conference Call

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order-In attendance: Shirley Greene, Gerry Wheeler, Beth Thomas, David McDonald, Walt Woolbaugh, Steve Eversoll, Tom Cubbage, Lucy Jenson, Shannon Walden

2. Conference Call Protocols

-After each agenda item is presented the presenter will ask for questions/comments

-Please state your name presenter will keep track of names and then go back and call on each person for comments/questions

3. Minutes of the last meeting - Secretary, Shannon Walden-will be located

4. Treasurer's Report - Carol Pleninger – Not available, some paperwork issues exist.

Alyson and Shirley anticipate a trip to Helena to resolve this.

5. Regional Directors Reports

o Region 1 Karen Hutchinson-Shirley read e-mail. NW Regional Co-op member.

- o Region 2 Cynde Jacobsen-Great Falls working with IEFA Instructional Coach-goal is to bring in IEFA as an integrated component of classrooms. Reading books: Collective Wisdom. Hope to present at MEA.
- o Region 3 Diana Hedegaard – No news to report
- o Region 4 Kim Popham – Not available
- o Region 5 MaryAnn Prewett – Not available
- o Region 6 David McDonald-attending a Nanoteach workshop in Oregon.

⌘• Science Matters Walt Woolbaugh-challenge to get past school filters. About 550 messages do get delivered. Reviewed access to NSTA Learning Center and ease of use. Science Matters website is being revamped. Keep Walt posted.

⌘• Chemistry Steven Eversoll – Workshop in northeast for novice teachers

⌘• Biology Tom Cabbage-Working at Mclaughlin with teachers, undergrads and high school students. Developing a website for HHMI funded curriculum development. New AP Bio curriculum will be unveiled soon. New approach

is “4 Big Ideas”. The test is changing to reflect this. More application based.

⌘• Earth Science Patrick McNelly– Not available

⌘• Physics Daniel Baker – Not available

⌘• Elementary Lucy Jensen PRISM grant is completed. Will continue to offer workshops.

⌘• Middle School Rolland Karlin – Not available

⌘• Post Secondary Mary Leonard – Not available

Gerry- what to include, what to leave out exists at all levels and throughout the nation.

New website: STEM innovations and sharing projects/ideas.

7. Newsletter Editor Report /Website John Graves-Spring newsletter is available. The

postcards weren't sent out this time. Website is up to date.

Regional science

teacher conference in Seattle in December-partnering with

region 16 (WA, OR,

AK).

Newsletter Deadline: Fall newsletter deadline is early September.

a. MEA-MFT 10 + Hospitality Room Update Beth Thomas-will be e-mailing the

room info. Wednesday night meeting is scheduled.

b. MSTA booth, need signups, work schedules for hour increments Walt will organize

this as an electronic system. Booth will close at noon on Friday

a. Luncheon and Keynote – Shirley troubleshooting a few schedule issues. Our luncheon and annual meeting will be Thursday with keynote Friday from 1-3.

Our keynote is Glenn Govertson.

b. NSTA Congress Beth and John attended. New science framework is released today. Beth reviewed multiple aspect of the congress.

c. Elections of Regional Directors- Possibly Regions 3 and 5.

d. Next board Meeting date: Wed Oct 19 7:30-10 pm

e. Award Nominations to Shirley (newsletter), John needs final choices by Sept 30

1. Bring extra sectional handouts to hospitality room
2. Interest in Facebook fan page-John will do this. The group felt this would be a good idea.