

SAME Business Meeting AMENDED 8/07
LUMCON, Cocodrie, LA
November 10-12, 2006

Call to Order

- Shelia Brown called the meeting to order and passed out an agenda, NMEA 2007 information, July 2006 meeting in NYC attendance list, etc. She read minutes/old business from the meeting in NYC.
- Secretary/Treasurer, Rachel Somers has retired from the position and Dianne Lindstedt volunteered at NMEA NYC to act as Secretary/Treasurer.
- An old membership list was passed out for everyone to look over, update it and note those people who have dropped out for a more accurate account of current members. Shelia is guessing that we have between 50-70 members.
- Shelia encouraged all to attend the NMEA national meeting in July in Portland, Maine and directed everyone to the website.

Action Items:

Chapter Representative

PROBLEM:

- We need a Chapter Rep because VP Joan Turner can't be at all meetings.
- Angela Capello volunteered if it is okay with her job/boss.
- Judy Reeves from Alabama can cover as long as it does not conflict
- Shelia has been doing the conference calls

Election of Officers

- Need nominations for officers, president elect
- Shelia said Sam Clardy said he'll run although not sure which office he would like
- NYC had no sec/treasurer Dianne volunteered to fill in
- Call for nominations for president elect

SAME 2007 meeting will be at on the 3rd ~~weekend of November (16-18), 2007,~~
NOVEMBER 9-11, 2007 at GCRL as per July 2007 business meeting.

Minutes:

Budget discussion

- Dianne passed out the budget and suggested that at least two people should be listed on the account. For the past several years only one person (Sec/Treas) had access to the account and now Dianne is. Dianne would like Angela Capello past Secretary/Treasurer to be added.
- Jean May-Brett says they had two in the past, the President and Treasurer.
- Dianne announced that 11/12/06 is the day the CD matures and will roll over. SAME has 10 days to change it Chase Bank because they are charging us \$10 a month since she doesn't have an account there at that bank (past officers had). The bank will not charge a fee if the account balance exceeds \$5,000?
- Jean offered that Capitol One/Regions has a better interest rate for CDs and suggested to break CD up into two and move to higher interest bank.

MOTION: Sharon Walker motions we take the \$7500 and move it into the checking account if Chase will not waive \$10 fee for the account and find a bank that will work with us (higher interest with no fees) and to put President and Treasurer onto the account.

-Discussion followed

-Dennis Putman seconded amended motion. Closed. All in favor.

-Motion passed unopposed

MOTION: Dennis motioned for one dedicated scholarship at \$400 cap, and a second scholarship if possible at \$400 or less with both amounts not to exceed half of all monies available. Amended to tie scholarship to auction monies only.

-Georgia Clesi seconded motion.

Discussion: scholarship amount

-Jean reminds everyone we have luxury of having a COSEE funded conference and shouldn't be relying on that money in the future. Once COSEE is completed, SAME conferences will be more costly for participants.

-Johnette suggests that the Chapter Rep to get money to go to one conference

-Angela noted that the initial reason for scholarship was to get a classroom teacher to a national meeting.

-Tami Wells suggested that the recipient should present at a local conference (SAME) and share information learned at the national conference.

- Two for and rest against

-Motion defeated

Scholarship discussion

- What is the benefit for the organization for sending someone to the conference? What is the teacher impact on the students by going to NMEA?
- Johnette suggested that the teacher who goes to NMEA must give a presentation at the SAME conference in the fall.

MOTION: Jean motioned to create a finance committee to set up a proposal for scholarships to be voted through e-mail vote to distribute by March 15th.

-Second by James and Theresa

Amended: Treasurer will oversee finance committee made up of past Presidents of NMEA to create proposal to be distributed by email by March 15th to decide on expense to be allotted for each scholarship. No more than three members of committee – names mentioned John Dindo, Sharon Walker and Jean May-Brett

-Almost all voted for except Dianne with a nay

Motion passed

MOTION: Joan clarifies motion on scholarship to offer one guaranteed scholarship and a second to not exceed \$400 tied to the auction proceeds

-Rod seconded amended motion

Motion defeated

PROBLEM: Chris Snyder won scholarship to NYC in 2006 did not receive the money. A discussion ensued on setting a specific amount.

MOTION: Jean motioned for Chris Snyder to receive \$400 from the auction money from last year to reimburse him for NYC scholarship

-Motion passed- Dianne requested the information on Chris and will cut him a check.

Fall 2007 Meeting Discussion

Note: Until 2009 we will have the luxury of a no cost meeting when Florida has COSEE. Non formal dues will be paid for Florida meeting. (Tami?)

Where?

-New Orleans Aquarium wants to host it but cannot pay for housing... LUMCON, GCRL and DISL pays for everything.

-Shelia suggested we have it at GCRL in 2007

MOTION: Jean motions to have meeting at GCRL in November 2007

-Jessie seconded

Motion Passed

When?

Suggestions for weekend – weekend before Thanksgiving – November 16-18

MOTION: Johnette motioned for November 16-18

-Sharon seconded

Motion passed for November (16-18), 2007.

DATE CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 9-11, 2007 at GCRL as per July26, 2007 business meeting in Portland, ME.

Hurricane Bowl

NOTE: Sam Clardy talked about the NOSB in February Hurricane Bowl at JL Scott where 9-12th graders forming 22-24 teams have competed in the past. Post-Katrina FL, AL, MS, and LA were all represented with 12 teams. Requested that SAME contribute \$200 to the event as in the past.

MOTION: Jessie motioned for \$200 to be donated to Hurricane Bowl

-MS COSEE teacher seconded it (don't know her name)

Motion passed

Awards & Recognition

July meeting and Newsletter asked for recommendations, but no one was nominated, so no awards this year.

Announcements:

- Shelia mentioned that the NMEA chapter rep wants individual chapters to share more history, newsletters, etc.
- There will be a chapter rep conference call this Monday (11/13/06) (60 minutes). NMEA Board meets at NSTA in St Louis and NMEA Portland.
- We need nominations for officers, president elect.
- 2009 COSEE Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Lab.
- LSTA is November 1-3, 2007 in Lafayette.
- Hurricane Bowl is February 22-24, 2007
- Jean will be attending the strategic vision meeting and will comment on it.

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**List of Attendees
SAME Business Meeting
November 2006
Cocodrie, LA**

James Ray
Johnette Bosarge
Angela Capello
Terry Nichols
Clauda Knippenberg
Ramona Wilber
Georgia Clesi
Theresa Cross
Heather Egger

Erica Glover
Shelia Brown
Kenneth Capello
Dianne Lindstedt
Jennifer Mueller
Karen Merritt
Amy LeGaux
Jane Putman
Jessica Kastler

Sharon Walker
Jean May-Brett
Kathleen Nichols
Dinah Maygarden
Murt Conover
Roger Merritt
Tami Wells
Nicole Cotton