

**SAME Business Meeting
Combination with COSEE Meeting
Ocean Springs, AL
8:00 am November 11, 2007
DRAFT**

Call to Order

- Past President Jean May-Brett called the meeting to order in President Shelia Brown's absence and passed the rain stick to incoming President Joan Turner.
- Dianne passed out minutes for the July meeting at NMEA in Portland, ME, the financial report and the current member list for attendance.

Resolution of Action Items from Previous Meeting

- As per Shelia's suggestion minutes are now posted on the website with attendance list since many people cannot attend the meetings
- Bylaws and Constitution were located by Jean and Sonya, retyped digitally by student and proofed by Dianne and Joan and posted online. For the record SAME Bylaws were not posted on the Bridge site.
- Bank account was transferred to Hancock Bank and CD purchased in December. Dianne and Joan are officially on the account. With each incoming president a form needs to be submitted to the bank to add and remove someone.
- Officer Election was held in December. Thank you to those who volunteered to run. Chris Verlinde from Florida Sea Grant is our new President Elect and Dianne Lindstedt from Louisiana Sea Grant is Secretary/Treasurer.

Action Items

Minutes:

Discussion: There were several suggestions to change the minutes which were discussed.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to accept the July 2007 minutes with revisions and to be posted online.

VOTE: Minutes accepted with written changes submitted to Dianne.

Bylaws

Joan reported that Bylaws have not been found.

Discussion

- Johnette said the Bylaws were on the Bridge website as suggested by Howard Walters
- Jean said that they should be in the presidential binder that she gave to John DePlacido the binder which should have gone to Sonya, then Shelia and Joan-
- Sharon volunteered to contact Howard about the Bylaws
- Joan will ask Sonya
- Dianne will contact Pam Blanchard, Angela Capello and Sharon Flanagan
- Once found Dianne will have Bylaws typed up and post them on the website

Finance Report: Bank

Dianne went over the financial report. She reported that no decision had been made on a bank transfer and more that one person needs to be on the account. A discussion on using bank to use, who needed access to the account and \$7500 needs to be deposited into a CD ASAP.

MOTION: Dennis moves that president and treasurer should have access the SAME bank account, move the account to Hancock Bank and purchase a \$7500 CD.

Second by Sharon

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Chapter Representative: Joan noted that the SAME President serves on the national board of NMEA and how important it is to have a chapter member present. She asked if anyone in chapter can be available as her proxy at NMEA meeting at NSTA in Boston. – Joan suggested that Jenny Cook could be her proxy at NSTA or someone from the group.

-Sharon said that she is at all NMEA meetings and is now a non-voting member and could do it.

MOTION: Judy motioned that Sharon serve as proxy for Joan as representative for SAME at NMEA Board meetings if necessary.

Second by Belinda

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Elections –

Joan reported that the Ballot for the elections was not correctly sent out and that we need to hold another election properly – by email. Joan reviewed the election process which includes a call for an election, a call for nominations, and development of a ballot (preferably electronic)

MOTION: Kay moves to call for an election and nominations for election

Discussion: Joan discussed a possible time table as follows

- Nov 13, 2007 Mail out by a Call for Nominations
- Nov 20, 2007 Deadline for nominations
- Nov 26, 2007 Ballot created by Joan and sent out
- Dec 10, 2007 Deadline for votes Johnette will send Dianne 2008 officer results

MOTION: Belinda motions that the above schedule be adopted

Second by Jean second

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Nominations

At the meeting nominations were accepted for

President Elect

Sam Clardy

Chris Verlinde

Secretary/Treasurer

Dianne Lindstedt

Membership

Discussion

Judy questioned why we have several NMEA members that do not come to SAME
Jessica suggested that we may need to do some additional outreach to NMEA members or people may not have time and are not aware how good this meeting is.
Sharon suggested that we sent invites to several listservs
Jennifer suggested state Environmental Education Associations
Members need to be talking up the meeting and suggesting ways to get more educators involved

Scholarship

Discussion

SAME will offer one scholarship this year. The scholarship was advertised in the April newsletter but that was too late last year. Suggestions were:

Post it on the website

Send an application for the scholarship directly to all members

Put the application on website.

Newsletter

Sharon offered Johnette's services to complete the newsletter to help Denise out.

Auction

Discussion

The auction brought in \$400 this year, lower than previous years (\$514 in 2006). The auction is our main fund raiser and provides funds for the scholarship. Members need to bring auction items to the meeting to make it successful.

Dennis suggested that we place a minimum bid on auction items to help boost revenue.

Awards

Jean said that the Bylaws do not have a provision for an awards committee. Awards information should appear in newsletter on regular basis and awards should be posted on the Website. SAME needs an awards procedure. The process was developed by Sonya

Sharon recommended and Dennis seconded that the President establish guidelines for awards committee.

Other Business:

- Announcements on NSTA
 - Regional NSTA Birmingham on Dec 6-8, 2007 Sharathon on Friday
 - AMSTA has their meeting there. Judy said that AMSTA is an organization for math science development and has model lessons
 - National NSTA is in Boston March 08 – Easter Week. There is a NMEA meeting
 - Jean announced that National NSTA is March 19-22, 2009 in New Orleans
- Theme is Celebrate Year of Science for the International Year of Science

- Announcement on NMEA
 - Savannah, GA on July 21-25, 2008
 - Sharon announced the bus will not be available to transport people to Savannah
- Jennifer wants SAME to have booth at NMEA
- Dauphin Island Fall SAME meeting. Available dates Nov 7-9/Nov14-16

MOTION: Sharon motions to have the meeting November 14-16, 2008

Second by Jennifer

VOTE: Passed unopposed

MOTION: Sharon motions to adjourn meeting.

Second by Judy

VOTE: Passed unopposed

ADJOURN

IN ATTENDANCE

Joan Turner

Belinda Matlock

Judy Reeves

Jane Putman

Jessica Kastler

Jennifer Mueller

Johnette Bosarge

Sharon Walker

Jennifer Buchanan

Kay Baggett

Claudia Knippenberg

Jean May Brett

Dianne Lindstedt

Dennis Putman

Tom Brett

Stephanie Wright

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