

SAME Business Meeting
Dauphin Island, AL
8:21 November 16, 2008
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Call to Order

Joan called the meeting to order

Minutes of July 2008 Meeting

Dianne passed out the minutes those present read the minutes and checked attendance record

MOTION: Sharon moved to pass minutes and adding Chris Verlinde as present at the meeting.

Second by Angela

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Financial Report

Dianne went over the financial report and reported that the silent auction yielded \$748.

MOTION: Motion from Sharon to accept the financial report.

Seconded by Shelia and Carrie

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Discussion on Auction and Scholarship

Sharon donated \$5 to bring auction total to over \$750. We observed that \$800 would allow for two scholarships and asked if anyone would like to contribute to the pot. Several were willing however; Tami offered that her company, Advanced Coherent Technologies, would be happy to donate the rest (\$50) for two scholarships.

Joan asked whether we need to vote on how to spend the auction money. She explained the scholarship to new members and that the scholarship generally pays for the registration fee. Joan mentioned that Jane wrote an article for the newsletter about her experience at NMEA 2008. She also announced that NMEA is in Monterey Bay, California June 29-July 3, 2009. Shelia announced that registration may be \$435 and but several meals are included. Joan Turner said that they will have a green registration fee which will cost less if you bring your own bag, name badge, paper, pen etc.

MOTION: Angela made a motion to give two scholarships for teachers to go to NMEA 2009.

Second by Shelia

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Committees

Joan explained each of the SAME committees and would like put each committee's membership on the website so everyone knows who is on these committees.

Awards & Scholarship Committee:

State representatives Jean May-Brett (LA), Jessica Kastler (MS), Judy Reeves (AL), and Chris Verlinde (FL)

Promotions & Publicity Committee:

COSEE PIs Jessica Kastler, Sharon Walker, John Dindo

Programs and Projects Committee:

President Elect (Chris Verlinde) and appointed members depending upon where meeting is held and who the COSEE PIs are. Joan announced to contact her if anyone was interested in serving on this committee.

Bylaws Committee:

Dianne Lindstedt, Jennifer Buchanan, Shelia Brown, Chris Verlinde and Joan Turner

MOTION: Amy LeGaux moved to accept these committees and their members.

Second by Carrie

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Bylaws

Dianne went over all of the changes in the bylaws recommended by the committee.

MOTION: Amy LeGaux moved to accept the Bylaws as stated

Second by Carrie

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Opportunity to Host NMEA

Discussion

Joan announced the opportunity for SAME to host an NMEA conference and it was time for us to step up to the plate. It has been since 1993 since SAME hosted NMEA and that was in New Orleans. Open dates are 2012, 2013, 2014. Sharon said that Alaska is putting in a bid for 2012. Cities that are being considered are Mobile, Gulfport, Pensacola and New Orleans. The discussion has been centering on Mobile in 2013 or 2014 because there are several colleges, lots of venues, easy access to several field trip areas and the Bureau of Tourism. There was a lengthy discussion with lots of questions.

MOTION: Sharon motions that SAME host NMEA in Mobile, AL in 2014.

Second by Shelia

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Joan as president needs to finish a proposal for SAME to host NMEA.

National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB)

Shelia reviewed and summarized NOSB which is on February 7, 2009. SAME usually provides some financial support; our logo goes on all of the materials, good publicity.

MOTION: Carrie motions for SAME to donate \$200 to NOSB 2009.

Second by Jane

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Awards

Joan presented awards with a few words and both Murt and Sharon talked a little bit about their activities.

Outstanding Educator – Jennifer (Murt) Conover

Outstanding Resource – Sharon Walker

Same Annual Conference

Chris Verlinde proposed to have SAME 2009 at Camp Timpooshee in Niceville, FL. Sponsored by MS/AL COSEE (Sharon). The venue has rustic cabins, kayaks and is on the water. She has a number of good speakers in mind and expects the cost will be about \$6000 total, \$94 per person including meals. Dauphin Island is about \$78 per person. Sharon said she can use her COSEE grant for up to 40 people. There was a discussion that to make up the cost we can charge more for registration up to \$25 per registrant.

MOTION: Chris motions to hold SAME 2009 in Niceville, FL at Camp Timpooshee on November 13-15th 2009.

Second by Dennis

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Upcoming events

-NSTA in New Orleans on March 19-22, 2009. NMEA track is Thursday. Board meeting is on the 18th. Shelia asked for help with door decorations for Share-a-thon.

-BayouSide Classroom is January 23-25, 2009 for teachers to learn about water quality. This is a part of an LSU BWET grant. Teachers go free (room and board included) all you have to do is get yourself to Cocodrie. Teachers leave with \$375 kit donated by BTNEP. More information on BayouSide Classroom is at BTNEP.org. The workshop incorporates mentor teachers – Murt gave out her email

- Tami – LASAL → Valerie working for Brenda (teacher?)

- Changing Landscapes Workshop with Jessica Kastler in January as part of a BWET grant MS, AL Sea Grant begins in January.

- WETSHOP is June 15-19 put on by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Has a BTNEP stipend.

- COSEE LA workshop in New Orleans with Jessica Kastler at the Audubon Aquarium and Loyola also a part of a MS/AL BWET grant see www.cosee.net.

New Business

Tami passed CD of the conference. Mentioned that the file is in the New Microsoft Office docx. If anyone has a problem opening it just save it and remove the “x”

Tami suggested trying to get people with many expiring sky miles to donate them to SAME. Need to figure out how to donate sky miles to an organization. Delta has program. Sharon has transferred miles. There is a fee of \$70. Joan is checking into this.

MOTION: Sharon motions to end the meeting.

Second by Angela.

VOTE: Passed unopposed

In Attendance (25)

Shelia Brown

Angela Capello

Bethany Carlisle

Jennifer Conover

Carrie Dixon

Marty Dunn

George Goodman

David Gray

Heidi Hitter

Amelia LeGaux

Dianne Lindstedt

Debby Looney

Edwin Mills

Colleen Morgan

Jane Putman

Dennis Putman

Belinda Ringpfeil

Joan Rundles

Joan Turner

Chris Verlinde

Amy Waine

Sharon Walker

Nancy Ward

Tami Wells

Amy Yarbrough