

OSTA Board Meeting
January 8, 2011

I. Welcome

A. Introductions:

Kay Emde(, Deann Deason(OKCPS), Beth Allan(UCO), Bob Melton(Putnam City), Kathy Pursley(Bixby & TCC, ProfDev), Kristin Askins (Bixby, Prof. Dev), Kay Gamble(Ada), Joyce Cheatham(Pawnee), Beth Lorenz(PC North), Jana Rowland(SDE Science Coordinator), Suzanne Spradling(NSTA Science Matters Rep), Annette Huett(Moore PS), Becky Hammack(Stillwater), Tamara Lookabaugh(Moore), Tina Rogers(Canton), Toni Ivey(OSU), Julie Angle(OSU), PamChristolINSU), Gaile Loving (SDE, Membership)

B. Call to Order: Business at 9:39

C. Approval of minutes of last meeting of October

II. Reports

A. Elected Officers Reports

1. Treasurer-Toni Ivey
2. VP/Pres-Elect - Beth Allan
3. Pres
4. Past- Pres
5. Secretary

B. Division Directors Reports

1. Elementary - Annette Huett Would like to see more representation on the board, looking at possibility of defining roles more thoroughly
2. MS - Joyce Cheatham would like us to look at the science deficiency in middle school students and how can we as an organization address these deficiencies. Collaborative role of OSTA needs to be addressed.
3. HS - Tina Rogers Really appreciate the Jana grams that are going out to keep high school teachers up to date of what prof development and science opportunities are great. Adding teachers to the list serve perhaps should be a clear focus of our board this year.
4. College - Julie Angle really would like to get feedback from teachers to help improve what is needed at OSU to improve science teacher training. Beth Lorenzo mentioned OEA has a mentoring program that can also act as a support for entry year teachers. "Mentoring Matters"

C. District Directors

Kay Emde is hoping district directors will act more as liasons(networking) between districts and teachers in their area. Gaile Loving has sent us all copies of current membership numbers.

1. NE - Becky Hammack Has been sending out emails but has not received responses.
2. NW - Bethany Lorenzo Needs a list of membership and contacts so she can reach out.
3. SW - Marie Pool is with students this weekend and unable to attend.
4. SE - Kay Gamble Would like a list of current members as well in her area.
5. Tulsa - Adrienne Elder
6. OKC - DeAnn Deason is really wanting to make more of an impact with her district because there are some major changes going on throughout the district and believes some major changes are occurring through the lead teachers movement that occurred last year through America's Choice(ACT prep program.) Open for suggestions to reach and encourage more teachers.

D. Committees

1. Membership Committees - Gaile Loving is needing to step down. Board is currently looking for someone to take over that role and has good EXCEL skills.
2. Communications - Bob Melton mentioned we are on twitter now and it is providing more current research/links through NSTA and professional science posts.
3. Nominations - Need to develop a committee by the next meeting so we can get these done early so they are ready for the Fall Conference. This committee develops a slate of officers for the Board and helps with other committee development. (Would prefer committee members to be other than the board)
4. Awards- Takes nominations from the membership for specific awards for recognition. By the next meeting Kay Emde will work on appointees for both the Nominations and Awards committee.
5. Professional Development - Kathy Pursley will be working concurrently with Kristen Askins to carry out this. Would like to suggest some other ways of doing the special workshops(perhaps send tickets-preregistration.) Certificates are only given after the critiques/evaluations. Workshops were great however the elementary felt slighted this time.

Bob send an email to Jana Rowland to get presenters who may wish to come to our conference.

Title I money is available to do cross-curricular development in MATH and science so perhaps we need to look at this to have funding from districts.

Safety Summit are we doing it again this summer and had a concern about last minute cancellations. Will discuss this later

E. State Science Director - Jana Rowland said education department is in serious flux right now. About 100 positions are currently open and may not even be filled. So everyone at SDE are not really sure what is going to happen until Dr. Barresi comes in a figures out what will happen during this transition period. National Standards are still be focused on Jan 2012 is the deadline at this point. national research council should put out their final form which is the framework for the standards. Legislator did not say they would adopt these standards but will have to wait and see. This leads in to PASS and some schools in the state are choosing Environmental Ed as a freshmen level course rather than Biology. Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind, some Environmental money may be available. Biology not sure where it is going, did change a couple of standards and merge them. The word evolution may be included and then again may not so it will not be held up based on the language. Concept are still in place. Take this to the board in March for approval. Format is the same. Only going to be using electronic notifications not mail(really cutting back at SDE.) If you want to nominate Presidential Award for Science do this NOW. Deadline is beginning of February. Dr. Barresi wants to launch a STEM initiative so hopefully we will get support for Science. SDE curriculum conferences in June are coming up soon. 50 minutes proposals need to be sent in soon so please look over this. Science Fair Awards, make sure that OJAS Awards will get these out at State competitions in Ada.

Science Fair, OJAS, Odyssey of mind, state dept of ed did not fund programs this past year. Requested \$50,000 for these programs. Are requesting these again this year.

Need Award committee to create award criteria for OJAS award.

Environment protection agency EPA wants to work with schools for proper disposal of chemicals in the school. Not just labs but also the physical plant, etc... State of OK first to sign on a state agency to work with EPA.

Museum of Osteology is cool. Becomes an educational exhibit.

Textbook adoption in 2014 right now.

F. Science Matters - Suzanne Spradling asked for our email to get the NSTA blast for members. She will make sure that we are receiving the NSTA updates.

Can provide all the ppts from NSTA Congress to share with us about our role as a State Organization and how NSTA can meet our professional development needs through Professional Learning Communities. Deadline to apply for regional conference is January 31st.

G. Membership - Gaile Loving Free conference registration and award, and free member for that year, so we need to look at Award Candidates so committee needs to address this and we need to keep a concise list of past and president winners, their membership, award etc....

Some people are not marking the complete form and so there are still some issues about how many we have in each area.

Gaile said that Jeff Patterson would be interested in serving as the membership committee chair.

Jeff Patterson is appointed by Kay Emde as the Membership Committee Chair, ratified by the board. He will be contacted by both Gaile and Kay E.

Any board member who would like a list of membership of email or contact info for their area or a specific category please contact Gaile at lovingscience@mac.com to get the information.

District directors who could contact members who dropped off or didn't renew should contact their areas to let them know we would like them to come back to the membership would be great. Introduce yourself and let them know what may be coming up and how they can be involved.

III. Old Business:

A. Fall Conference

1. Survey Results - Kay Emde

2. Attendance Breakdown - Gaile does not have this information. Kathy said some people did not sign in but can give us a summary by email.

3. Silent Auction - Joyce total for silent auction \$790.00 for the awards. The Award committee will need to take care of this for the OJAS recipients.

4. Outstanding Bills - Gaile handed over P.O.'s to Toni Registering onsite was GREAT! Helps to keep us able to take care of loose ends.

IV. New Business

A. Communications - Bob discussed the possibility of looking in to a site to manage discussion and posting between all of us, cost is about \$25 or so. Kay would like Bob to make a formal proposal through basecamp, NING, NSTA groups etc... Bob will send out information by the end of the January and then we will move on that quickly so we can communicate with one another.

B. Conference calling options: Bob will explore freeconferencecall.com, skype can still be used for UCO meetings. Need an external microphone to attach to a computer, Beth Allan will contact IT to see what is available at UCO.

C. Committee replacements will be sent out by Kay Emde for clarification to board. Sally Fenska may be a possible replacement for Adrienne Elder in the Tulsa area.

D. Online survey sent out for

E. Dates for Next Year

Meeting dates set:

February 12th, UCO

March No

April 2nd, UCO

May No

June 4

Safe Science August perhaps

Spring conference - April 8-10th Oklahoma Academy of Science at Lake Murray-

Professional Development can look at this

Sept 10

October 8th

November conference Speaker: Discussion about a speaker, no keynote speaker, if we do a speaker then we need to consider dates available

Tax ID is often needed for a speaker as well.

Kay will contact us after looking at football schedule to determine possible fall dates

Adjourn at 12:04