

HaSTA Board Meeting Nov. 21, 2013

in Attendance, Jenny K, Lauren K, Barbara R, MaryLou F, Andy B, Franklyn A, Andrew V, Michelle K, Liz K

and others via Skype and online: Mari Taira, Rick Jones, Ethan Allen, Chales Kinoshita (CTAHR)

HaSTA 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!! (Open House)

will be held at the Waikiki Aquarium - to educate, to socialize, to generate membership, and to honor past presidents.

Next year = Aquarium's 110th anniversary, they will give us the rental for FREE in order to show support for science and science teaching in Hawaii. **(THANK YOU MARYLOU FOR ARRANGING THIS FOR US!)**

Friday April 11th date is on hold for us, 5 - 7 ish

HaSTA will do outreach and reseervations, educator guests may come for \$10

WaiAq will do the tents and tech and stuff, they will reach out to their usual food vendors and possibly cover the food costs, it depends on what magic MaryLou can work with the restaurants, they will waive the entrance fee and provide docents and such.

Guerin Eahardt is the contact person at the Aquarium

Rick says, "can we give a stipend for outer island folks to come over?" MaryLou will ask Mokulele Airlines for 5 roundtrip tickets. If ML doesn't get the tickets, can we offer five \$100 stipends? Michelle says that we have enough money to do this. Motion to approve stipends if needed: Motion passes unanimously.

Jenny K will be the point person for Guerin.

Whoever is doing publicity, there are many PR opportunities that we can use to raise our awareness. WaiAq will pitch this event to media and on their Website. Ethan will highlight this on Prell's soon-to-be functional Website.

WaiAq will be contacting UH for both support and to get UH people to attend with their promotional things, tables for them to promote their programs, etc.

Andrew will ask Camp Erdman if they would be interested in providing some food in exchange for the chance to put up a table.

Looking into the idea of getting commemorative fork (wooden, engraved) or chopsticks (with message) so we can cut down on the obscene wastage of plastic forks associated with such events.

old business

Approve of Oct 10 minutes - nobody has issues with the minutes, motion to approve passes with one abstention (due to absence). October 10 2013 minutes, in which Andrew Vanderwege was installed as Treasurer and Michelle Keaye will step down as Treasurer, effective Jan 1, 2014, were approved.

Treasurer topics, tabled from last time:

Budget report presented by Michelle, this past year expenses were \$8660, project about the same for next year. Income over past year was \$1700 more than was brought in, but some more will still be coming in through Paypal/WildApricot, leading to a net loss of \$200. Budget for next year is based on \$5260 incoming from membership fees (\$20 each from 263 members).

Proposal to add an expense item to the budget, to sponsor two \$100 awards for Science Olympiad Excellence in Coaching Award. Motion passes unanimously.

Check Signing: Suggestion was made to have double signatures on checks, but this is hard to achieve. Solution: take a picture of the check and send to an appointed board member. Motion for obtaining a HaSTA business debit card (both to pay for items and also to link to PayPal so that we can withdraw more than \$500/month, which is our current limit). Motion passes unanimously.

Bylaws old business: Liz agrees to stay on as secretary and give Jim the new title of Communicaitns Director. ANd, Andy agrees to stay on as Membership Director which is now an elected position, until next election.

Thoughts on digital vs. paper Catalyst: Liz likes it, saves money and trees. Save hard copy for flyers. Franklyn says since we have a password-protected Website, it seems like a viable plan. Ethan likes it. Rick suggests an extra fee for those who wish to receive paper copy. Jenny suggests a once-a-year pre-conference Catalyst and all the rest can be digital. We all agree that keeping the fall issue, which is all about the Conference, in hard copy is very important. There was some discussion about whether it will be economical to continue to buy the Bulk Mail Permit (\$190/year, plus a fee for each time its used). Rick suggest that the the annual fall copy include an index of article titles and authors for the preceeding year. We agreed to pursue this option, no need for a motion. Just need to decide how to mail, bulk or not. Andrew points out that with the permit, we can send out postcards (event announcements) for super cheap. We need to speak with Consuelo for her. Rick says that he is a member of another similar organization, same size, and only 25 members elect to have paper version. There is much general agreement that the postcard idea is a superior one. Jenny suggests having a question about paper vs digital included in the registration for the 50th celebration.

New business:

Catalyst Report: will be in the mail next week. Will include a piece on HaSTA's first president. Will go over HaSTA archives with Grace Kwan this coming Monday.

New idea: Based on Conference feedback asking for more teacher-driven workshops, Rick and Lauren suggest a **lesson-swap "sharathon" event at UHWO**. Rick also wants to highlight West Oahu campus, can get some classrooms to use to try this out, focus on west Oahu community. Suggests a \$5.00 entry fee to firm up attendance, but upon further discussion, we decide it's free for members, and people can sign up for membership at the event. The section heads/liasons could organize this, as they used to for the Spring Conference, etc. We could ask Chevron to allow us a tour, perhaps, in conjunction with this. Start planning for a date in March!! Rick will talk to restaurants in the West Side to see if they will sponsor food. Or, Andrew suggests we can pot-luck, which is a weloming thing to do.

Art Kimura has suggested the Big Isle members can put on an annual thing under HaSTA's name.

Wild Apricot review - 28% of people opened the recent email, but very few clicked on the link. Concern is that the listserv transition, which happens in December, will cause us to loose a lot of people. Folks need to register and most haven't. Email was too long, and folks are having problems remember how to log in. Including me (liz). Jenny will try again, with another shorter

more succinct message with a link. Franklyn advises that no matter what we do, some people will be resistant to the message and will be pissed off when they are locked out. Nothing we can do about that.

A bit of Wild Apricot training followed.

Meeting ajourned at 6:20 pm.