

HaSTA mintues 1/17/13
La Marinara Restaurant, Sand Island

Johannes Adams (Past President), Consuelo Rogers (Catalyst Editor), Barbara Rogers (Chem Section Leader), Liz King (Secretary), Michelle Kuwaye (Treasurer), Jenny Kuwahara (President), Andy Barnes (angel).

4:40 pm

Thanks and welcome to all new/returning board members

Credit Union Account Change – have to change from Randyll Warhiem to Michelle Kuwaye

Catalyst report – Next one will be in March, to include summer Professional Development opportunities. Followed by one in August, before the conference. Plan for a Nov/Dec issue following the conference to advertise PD things (many have February deadlines). Rick will forward the Earth Science e-news letters to Consuelo because it has a lot of Earth Science PD stuff. For next issue, send bios and photo. Cost is stabilized; we aren't sending extra catalysts, but there is a greater mailing fee. Bulk mailing permit fee is \$190, and last issue costs \$607 – down from \$1400 (because we were sending to every school and every department head). Will mail only fliers before next conference to all the schools.

Bylaws revision report –

- next general membership meeting (fall conference) will include a vote to ratify the changes. Barbara comments: duties of President-elect include acting as chair of the conference. Should we restrict the PE to this, or can we expand the wording such that the PE can do something during the spring, etc, as well? Motion to change wording to “President Elect shall act as Programs Chair . . .” which is seconded by Consuelo. Vote passes unanimously.
- On page 4, it's always been the treasurer who was the one to establish the budget and present it to the Executive Committee for approval. But now, it says the Executive Committee will do this. We like it better if we keep that obligation with the Treasurer. Motion to change the wording to “The Executive Committee shall *recommend a budget to the Governing Board for approval.*” Motion is made and seconded, no discussion, passes unanimously.
- Rick says: Let's put the blurb in the August Catalyst with a link to a copy of the old and new versions for people to preview before they vote on it at the conference. Vote must be at a meeting per our constitution. The new language doesn't include the meeting requirement. This poses a bit of a problem, if a rouge Board wants to change the
- On page 6, Communications Director, insert “*for example*” before the list of possible other positions. Motion is seconded and approved by a unanimous vote.

- On Page 6, site coordinator on Conference Planning Committee: Andy says the wording is restrictive. The Conf. Committee is the executive committee, and the section seems extraneous and restricts the president elect. Andy suggests, instead, we say that the Committee “*can be comprised of any other persons as appointed by the Committee Chair,*” omitting the bullet points but keeping the part about the purpose of the Committees. Make the same change for Membership Committee and Communications Director sections. Election Committee section is OK. Motion to change the wording of Section 2 parts a, b, and c as stated above is seconded and passes unanimously.
- Section 3 and 4, the word “president” should be written “President.”
- Section 5, article 3: strike it completely. Motion seconded, and passes unanimously.
- Section 6, strike the words “*for approval*” to be replaced with the words “*for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting, as appropriate.*” Motion is seconded and passes unanimously.
- Article VI section 2: Change the quorum for the Governing Board from “four” to “fifty percent plus one of the total members of the Governing Board.” But, there are 30 board members, which means a quorum of 16 – impossible to achieve! Leave the number unchanged for now. Change the wording of second sentence from “*Voting*” to “*Approval of action*” and the same change applies to the last sentence. Motion to change the word “Voting” to “Approval of action” carries and is approved.

Website – will discuss at next meeting

Budget items – next time

Conference items – NOAA will cover many of the costs for our Keynote Speaker, Peg Steffan, educator at NASA for a long time and the at NOAA, was Albert Einstein Fellow.

All other business:

Science Matters coordinator needed (a NSTA position). It’s a big job, is a full-time position.

Next meeting: Thurs. Mar 7, 2013, 4-5:30, Punahou