

MAINE SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION

Mission:

*Educating and empowering members to provide healthy meals
to Maine Children in pursuit of lifelong wellness.*

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Meeting Minutes

This meeting will be held virtually using Google Meet.

Call to Order: by Alisa Roman Time: 11:03

Executive Board: Alisa Roman (X) Tina Fabian (X) Jodi Truman (X) Mary Emerson (X) Whitney Thornton (X)

Voting Board Members:

Dave Roberts () Jeanne Reilly (X) Blair Currier (X) Stephanie Salley (X) Ellen Demmons (X) Ellen Dore (X)
Vanessa Richardson () Martha Spencer () Allison Leavitt (X) Melanie Lagasse (X) Wendy Collins (X)

Non-Voting Board Members:

Walter Beesley (represented by Adrienne Ackroyd) Allison Marceau () Jeanie Giroux () Cassandra Ring (X)

Communications/Correspondence:

SNA Membership Report - Concern without meetings we may not be getting the new members we typically would be with signing up for conferences.

Full Plates Full Potential Universal Meals - advocacy,

SNANY - NYSNA produced short 7 minute videos by vendors with \$3100 for our members to view

Action Items:

Secretary's Report- Mary presented minutes from August 13th membership meeting and board meetings.

Recommended Motion: To approve both minutes as written, Stephanie seconded

Motion: Ellen Second: Stephanie

Vote: Approved

- Treasurer's Report - Treasurer's Report 20-21 - summary , Noted anticipate expense for mailing out recognition awards,

Recommended Motion: To Approve Treasurer's Report

Motion: Stephanie's Second: Ellen

Vote: Passed – Approved

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Met September 30th for moving forward MSNA during this trying time. We decided to cancel the in person Winter Conference due to Covid. We do not have an obligation to the Marriott Sable Oaks. We charged the Education Committee to look at other offerings for our members.

Education Committee: Alison Leavitt reported that they are looking at providing a number of offerings mostly on Wednesday since that is the day most districts are not onsite. The first one would be a self health wellbeing, emotional wellbeing one since that is high need now. Also proposed Let's Go or Farm to School training as well as proposing a 3 days NOI show in January. Still in the planning stages. Still working on type of format for virtual educational offerings. Jeanne reported her & Dayle did one for Nebraska SNA this past weekend. Alisa suggested various offerings such as google suite training, best practices & ideas for membership & the ability to share these platforms with districts to educate their staff at flexible times. Alisa mentioned the possibility of a virtual food show.

Legislative Committee - SFSP has extended the waivers for the rest of the school year. MSNA signed on to the letter from FFPF to superintendents to share the wealth of the CRF money to support the school nutrition program. Funds need to be expended by the end of this calendar year. Additional funds directed to school nutrition will be needed across the country since so many districts are not meeting their SN budgets. No word on LAC yet - Jeanne anticipates a virtual event.

Communications Committee: Meeting tomorrow Oct 15th at 10 AM. Mary reports the Maine Light deadline is November 15th and hopes to focus on remote meals.

Membership Committee: 311 active members. 30 people in their grace period. SNA national goal is to maintain membership. Blair will email those 30 members to remind them to renew their membership.

Nominating Committee: Dave, Stephanie, Jeanne - need to have nominations for those interested in the leadership positions please reach out to the Nominating Committee.

Finance Committee: No Audit completed yet - due to Covid. We should get this done to maintain good financial practices. Alisa asked for the Audit Committee (Dave, Stephanie, & Jeanne) to schedule an off site audit. Dottie reported that each month is in a separate folder and documents will need to be scanned.

Industry Committee: August contract to vendors did not go out. We do not owe vendors anything. Looking at a 3 day NOI show would require board approval. Suggested asking the vendors for donations or support in other ways instead of charging a large fee that typically goes to the facility holding the show. NOI show would limit time to 1.5 hours per day January 19, 20, & 21st. Stephanie motioned to approve and Jodi seconded. Discussion included wanting to have participants pre-registered and that contact information would be shared with the vendors. We need to share NY SNA videos at a separate time. Work in conjunction with the State and USDA for this event. All approved, no opposed.

Program Committee: Will need to look for location for August 2021 conference location.

Old Business

1. Global Child Nutrition Foundation - Heidi Kessler contacted to let us know they did not get the grant that we signed on to support.
2. Laptops - Both treasurer and coordinator laptops that run Windows 7 & need upgrading. 2 new laptops were approved in prior meetings and need to be purchased. Dottie to send recommendations from her IT Director. Treasurer needs a new laptop and printer (which is used to print the checks, as well as other documents). Plan is to order within the next week. Jodi & Dottie are meeting on October 22 to start the transition process for the Treasurer position.

New Business

1. Communications committee webinars: Reviewed under Education Committee

2. Alisa Nomination for SNA Director at Large: Alisa will know on October 19th if she was selected for the position. She will keep us updated on this opportunity. If selected she will have to start serving July 1st so Tina & Whitney would move up one month earlier.
3. Winter conference NOI show update Discuss what the next steps are to get there. More information about remote meals. Cassie shared she has 3 more sessions with Chef Sam on this topic. Discussed possibility of partnering with Let's Go - to support webinars.
4. Commission to End Hunger by 2030. Mary will be joining the group to represent MAND's Public Policy Committee as well as MSNA.
5. Let's Go Update - Smarter Lunchroom Scorecard will be replaced with a new tool which will be unveiled later due to Covid situation. Alisa suggested that Let's Go coordinators distribute SFSP flyers in their offices to support our meals programs.

Adjourn:

Motion: Stephanie

Second: Jeanne Reilly

Vote: All Approved

Time: 12:17