

MAINE SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION

Mission:

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

Thursday, August 13th, 2020

This meeting was held virtually using Google Meet.

Call to Order: Alisa Roman Time: 8:04 AM

Executive Board:

David Roberts [x] Alisa Roman (X) Tina Fabian (X) Dottie Janotta (X)

Voting Board Members:

Jodi Truman (X) Jeanne Reilly (X) Blair Currier (X) Stephanie Salley (X) Whitney Thornton (X) Ellen Demmons () Ellen Dore (X) Mary Emerson (X) Vanessa Richardson (X) Martha Spencer (X) Allison Leavitt (X) Melanie Lagasse () Wendy Collins (X)

Non-Voting Board Members:

Walter Beesley () Allison Marceau (X) Jeanie Giroux (X) Cassandra Ring ()

Communications/Correspondence:

SNA Membership Report for June 2020 -

SNA Resource for SY2020-21 Planning – Alisa utilized SNA resources for our Plan of Action to incorporate the 3 points below.

MSNA formal support for universal meals – Jeanne Reilly reported multiple calls with Sen. Collins office – will be a busy year for legislation

MSNA letter on sustainability for members – Developed by group & sent to membership for members to adapt to their own needs. See document in the drive under Secretary Folder in g drive

Full Plates Full Potential Universal Meals – MSNA has also supported universal meals

SNANY Collaboration and discussion on use of videos – First Taste TV launched utilizing vendor videos in cool food show atmosphere. Videos come out in October and MSNA can use the videos in either a virtual food show or training for our members.

MSNA Board to be Installed at 11 AM by Warren Deshields

Election Vote – 59 members voted for our Next Vice President – Whitney Thornton

Annual Meeting – Alisa went over agenda with plan for voting by members on Meeting Minutes from last year, This year’s Budget & Plan of Action, as well as installation.

Calendar 20-21: Alisa reviewed tentative dates of meetings. Winter conference is being planned with conference committee. We want to encourage more members to support conference committee planning & legislation since these are challenging years.

Action Items:

➤ Secretary’s Report

Recommended Motion: Approve Minutes from June, 2020 Board Meeting

Motion: Jodi Truman Second: Jeanne Reilly

Vote: Passed – no one opposed

➤ Treasurer’s Report

➤ Laptops

Recommended Motion: Approve Treasurer’s Report – Dottie reviewed Statement of expenses & income, Summary Report, Budget Comparison, 3 Year Income/Expenses Comparison & MSNA Budget

Concern with how vendors are paying this year since we did not have annual conference – Ellen Demmons & Dave Roberts will be contacting vendors on Industry memberships

Motion: Tina Fabian Second: Whitney Thornton

Vote: Passed – no one opposed

Committee Reports:

Education Committee: Jodi reported things on hold due to pending decision on winter conference

Legislative Committee: Jeanne reported partnering FPPF. Specific concern on Breakfast After the Bell (BAB) concern that districts >50% need to offer 2 methods of service – given pandemic situation many districts are out of compliance due to only classroom feeding model. BAB has opt out option with school board vote. FPPF is creating a model for Maine to have universal meals. Nationally movement towards universal meals & waiver extensions for the school year. Letter from 35 Senators (including King & Collins – but not Kamala Harris) to extend summer meals model for SY21. SNA has action alert that is very easy for every member to do.

Communications Committee: Vanessa updating website with updates. She requested updated legislative information to update website – she will have a folder in g drive that items can be dropped in. The Maine Light hopes to go out in December for the next edition

Membership Committee: Blair reports 336 members (10 less than last August) He noted clarification needed for many about school district membership and how that works. Alisa reported 54 dead emails on last email blast. We need to work on clearing up those dead emails.

Nominating Committee: Whitney is our nominee for Vice President.

Finance Committee: Past presidents audit needed – delayed due to Covid 19.

Industry Committee: Industry will send letter out to vendors. Tina & David will reach out to Ellen.

Program Committee: Martha & Whitney – no reports due to pandemic. Discussed board’s feelings towards winter conference & possibility of delaying winter conference towards March. Idea for virtual NOI show utilizing Zoom breakout technology. Need to remember food shows are important from a financial perspective.

Ad Hoc Committee for Association Coordinator Job Description and Review Update:

Old Business

1. Summer Conference Cancellation – Communications Completed & also Dave’s Farewell Message
2. Global Child Nutrition Foundation – Partnership Proposal Signed and Submitted. First round of grants they did not receive. Will partner with future grants.
3. Installment of 2020/2021 Officers
4. Meeting Schedule (board meeting in person and virtual, committee meetings) – will continue virtual in the near future.
5. Plan of Action - Alisa went over the 2020-21 Plan of Action – motion to pass made by Dave, seconded by Dottie Passed – no one opposed.
6. MSNA Budget – Unable to obtain MSNA Budget so we deferred this item.
7. Video Message to MSNA – Thanks to Dave Roberts for doing a fantastic video message to members!!

New Business

1. Association Coordinator Position transition – decision to not fill the position in this time of financial uncertainty given the Covid 19 situation. This was felt prudent due to lower financial income coming into MSNA. MSNA email account will be covered by the Communications Committee & Alisa will be able to check the mailbox in Lewiston Post Office. We thank Jeanne Giroux for her service to MSNA.
2. Laptops – previously approved new laptops for treasurer and association coordinator. Dottie’s IT department estimated \$1600 each for PC with Quickbooks and concerns about sourcing due to pandemic. Will get another quote to try to reduce price.

Adjourn:

Motion: Vanessa made motion

Second: Tina seconded

Vote: All in favor

Time: 10:15