

MAINE SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION

Mission:

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

August 10th, 2021

held in person in Augusta, ME

Call to Order: Tina Fabian Time: 4:12 pm

Executive Board:

Tina Fabian (X) Whitney Thornton (X) Alisa Roman (X) Jeanie Giroux (X) Mary Emerson (X)

Voting Board Members:

Stephanie Salley (X) Ellen Demmons (X) Melanie Lagassie (X) Ellen Dore (X) Vanessa Richardson ()
David Roberts (X) Allison Leavitt (X) Wendy Collins (X) Jeanne Reilly ()

Non-Voting Board Members:

Walter Beesley () Allison Marceau () Cassandra Ring () Alyssa Lewis (X) Melissa Nealley (X) Lish
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Communications/Correspondence:

ANC Virtual – Attended by Alisa, Tina & Whitney - reported they received a lot of information in virtual format.
Food Show was difficult to access & gain what would normally have been gained with an in person event.

SNA Meeting regarding supply shortage - 2 hour Zoom meeting attended by Tina & Alisa on projected national
shortages on SN food products. Alisa was interviewed on this story by national news outlets including the Wall
Street Journal that will run an article in September on this. Discussed a number of products that will have
limited availability in the upcoming months.

SNF Position previously held by Martha Spencer. Stephanie Salley has graciously agreed to step into this
position. She reported that \$110.50 was raised by today's 50/50 raffle.

Action Items:

Secretary's Report - unable to access due to internet connection issues. Will defer to next meeting
Recommended Motion: Approve Minutes from June 17, 2021 virtual Board Meeting

Motion: Second:

Vote:

Treasurer's Report - was approved by the membership in this morning's meeting.
Recommended Motion: Approve Treasurer's Report

Motion: Second:

Vote:

Committee Reports:

Education Committee: Today's conference had good feedback from attendees. Well organized. Discussed value of having large room format instead breakout sections - this was well received by attendees. Vendors also liked having half of attendees at a time - it was not so crowded in the vendor show & more opportunity for direct communication with customers. Winter conference will be January 25 & 26 at Holiday Inn by the Bay including NOI show. Mind Bites were well received & in the upcoming year we could do them again by partnering with other organizations such as Let's Go, Maine DOECN, Farm to School, etc. Let's Go does plan to have 3 sessions in the upcoming year. Alisa Roman offered use of her zoom account if needed.

Legislative Committee - Ellen Dore reported that LD 1679 Universal Meals was funded with 10 million for SY 23 budget - not fully funded & we will be addressing that in the upcoming year with legislators. Local Foods bill passed that supports purchasing of local proteins in addition to produce and increases funding per district to \$5000. Jeanne Reilly's national report was shared that included updates on CNR & supply chain issues.

Communications Committee: Maine Light article contained an inappropriate comment made by the publisher insulting the President of the Maine State Senate. This comment was not approved by the editor of the Maine Light and does not reflect the sentiment of MSNA. We felt that our publisher should write a letter of apology to Senator Jackson indicating that this error was not representative of MSNA. We also felt we needed to reevaluate our relationship with this publisher and seek alternative bids from other printers who offer layout services. Increase in website support was discussed since the fee is now \$150/month. Concern was raised that google search for MSNA does not bring up our website. Will ask Vanessa to address this issue with our website support group.

Membership Committee: Need a new membership chair. Tina reported that we have 317 members now, up from 310 in April & 313 in May

Nominating Committee: Dave reported that today Alisa Roman was voted in as Vice President and Jeanie Giroux was voted in as Treasurer.

Finance Committee: Dave reported that a financial audit was completed by Alisa, David & Stephanie with the finding of all financial records up to date and in excellent condition. Dottie was commended on her dedicated work to MSNA. Jeanie recommended that with the purchase of the new computer that a web based version of Quickbooks be purchased. This will allow access from another computer - as well as other board members for checks and balances. Alisa Roman raised an issue about who is listed with the State of Maine as a contact person for MSNA. Concern that it may be someone who is no longer active with MSNA. Alisa Roman will follow up on this issue. Dottie brought up the need to get her name off Bank of America and Town & Country Accounts.

Industry Committee: Dave has worked with Ellen on transitioning into this position. Many compliments on today's vendor show with one small glitch of comp groups given prime spots instead of paying vendors. Dave reported vendors will get a list of attendees. Again vendors liked how set up was for half of attendees at a time.

Program Committee: Wendy & Whitney complimented Alison on how well they worked together. After not having a conference for 18 months to have this one was so appreciated. SNANH approached Whitney with

potential for SY 23 allowing their members to attend our winter conference. All felt that this collaboration would be good for MSNA & SNANH.

Old Business

Laptops received by Alisa

New Business

1. Winter Conference – Proposed dates Jan 25 & 26 at Holiday Inn by the Bay - Whitney reported details on Holiday Inn by the Bay plan for NOI show.
2. Northeast Regional Leadership Conference – Nov 5 – 7 Saratoga NY, Executive Committee - Exec committee to meet to develop a travel plan.
3. MSNA 2021-22 Calendar – Overview and Discussion - TBD
4. Administrative Assistant - Decided to revisit after another conference to see if position is needed given budgetary constraints.
5. Board Retreat – 1 day to review position descriptions, By-Laws, Policy & Procedure - Mary to send out a doodle to find the best date for the group to meet.
6. Membership Chair - vacant - Tina will recruit a candidate - Abby from RSU 60 was suggested.
7. Budget - Tina presented her budget - the group felt we should defer voting on it until conference income & expenses were finalized, as well as travel to NRLC decided. Will vote at the next meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion: Stephanie

Second: Whitney

Vote: All agreed

Time: 6:13 pm