NETA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Location: Hilton Omaha – Omaha, NE


Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Nick Ziegler made a motion to approve the minutes from the February board meeting, with a second from Ann Feldmann. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. Jason Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from the February Online Meeting, with a second from Tina Sauser. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. Nick Ziegler made a motion to approve the minutes from the March Online Meeting, with a second from Stephanie Dannehl. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Rich Molettieri shared the Treasurer’s report. Conference reimbursement amounts and audit scheduling were detailed. Jason Schmidt made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report with a second by Gregg Robke. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Josh Allen continued with the President’s report. Newly elected President Elect is Matt Lee, and Darci Lindgren was re-elected as Secretary. Josh welcomed Peg Coover, Becky Miller, and Wendy Loewenstein as newly elected directors. Their mentors are Patty Wolfe, Craig Badura, and Ann Feldmann. Heather, Tina, and Jason were congratulated on their re-election to the board. Gregg Robke and Angie Wassenmiller were thanked for their service as they are leaving the board. A new board member training was held earlier today and it went well. Josh gave updates about keynote and featured speakers as well as the business meeting to be held during the NETA conference. Julie thanked Josh for his work as President.

Jackie Ediger then presented the President Elect report. Conference details were reviewed. Drawing boxes will be located at booth 117 in Exhibit Hall A. This will bring more traffic to vendor area and keep area in front of Grand Ballroom less congested. Drawings will be held at noon each day, and prizes will be handed out at the information booth. Information booth will be located at the top of the escalator. Attendee name tags will be used for Friday post conference giveaways. Board member expectations were outlined.

Gregg Robke gave the Past President Report. Volunteerspot is being used to coordinate volunteers during the conference. Board members are encouraged to try to fill in gaps where volunteers are still needed. A three ring binder is available at the information booth with common questions and answers for reference. T-shirts for volunteers are in the information booth. Board members and volunteers will be helping during workshop registration and for traffic direction.

Tom Rolfes followed with the Executive Liaison Report. Zoom licenses are now available for $2 per user per year through a bulk statewide contract with Network Nebraska. Other contracts to help with statewide purchases will be become available with Network Nebraska membership as value added services. No news from the current legislative session. Julie thanked everyone who attended the State Education board meetings. Tom distributed the conference duty roster and reminded board members to please help with registration whenever possible.
Lynn Behounek then gave the Site Coordinator Report. Conference details were shared. State Ed partner groups will be located across from rooms 209 to 212.

Eliu Paopao presented the Exhibitor Coordinator Report. All of the exhibitor booth locations have been filled. 105 vendors will be using 128 booths. Board members are encouraged to visit with and thank vendors.

Lynne Herr followed with the Contest Coordinator/ISTE Advocacy Network Coordinator Report. Contest winners will be recognized Friday. Grant winners will be taking pictures with their checks Thursday in front of the stage. Breakout EDU will have two locations – Elementary “Teamwork” will be upstairs, and older kids and adult challenge will be “Dr. Johnson’s lab” downstairs. No advocacy booth is needed during the conference this year. ETAN advocacy day sponsored by COSN was held during a congressional break. Lynne was still able to speak with Congressman Jeff Fortenberry for advice on communication preferences.

Lucas Bingham’s Web Coordinator Report included an updated registration and membership list. Lucas has used many spreadsheet tricks to combine existing separate list into one master list. Current membership is 4,135.

Julie Moore finished up with the Executive Director Report. An updated NETA Board Contact List and courtesy committee actions were shared. The Midwest reception at ISTE collaborating with Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Missouri has been arranged within walking distance of the convention center. Current Spring Conference registration was detailed by job description. A procedure for post conference drawings for ISTE membership and NETA conference registrations was shared. Several representatives from the State Board of Education will be attending the conference, and board members are advised to keep an eye open for them and make them feel welcome.

No committee meetings were held, and no committee reports were shared.

In Unfinished business, ideas were gathered for a facilitator to guide our visioning process during the summer retreat. Several names were suggested. Fall conference session submissions are open. If board members would like to attend the full conference, they are encouraged to submit a session.

No New business was shared.

Nick Ziegler made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Jason Schmidt. Meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darci Lindgren
NETA Secretary