

Association for Science Teacher Education April/May2022 Board Minutes

April 30

Board Meeting 11:00 – 14:00 Mountain time (all ASTE members invited to attend)

May 1

Board Meeting 8:00 – 11:00 Mountain time (all ASTE members invited to attend)

Zoom (due to COVID-19) with some present in person

Day One: Board Meeting

April 30, 2022

11:00 – 14:00 MT

Agenda: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/19gKTpbUwca33EsJTqptjsQ9J1-q3hU/edit>

Present in person in Salt Lake City, UT:

Andrea Burrows (President-Elect)

Kate Popejoy (Executive Director)

Present remotely:

Rommel Miranda (President)

Debi Hanuscin (Past-President and NSTA Partnership committee chair)

Senior Board Members:

Jerrid Kruse (Equity committee chair)

Judy Morrison (Communications committee chair)

Jenn Stark (Awards committee chair)

Board Members:

Mark Bloom (Publications committee co-chair)

Lisa Borgerding (Conference Planning committee chair)

Xavier Fazio (Membership committee chair)

Amanda Gunning (Chair of Committee of Regions)

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Donna Governor (NSTA liaison)

John Rhea (Director of Electronic Services)

Rommel called the meeting to order at 11:00AM and thanked everyone for attending at this busy time of the semester.

MOTION: Rommel moves that the agenda and Board reports be accepted. Jenn Stark seconds.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rommel asks Andrea to track the chat in Zoom, and for Debi to do so with action items. Agreed.

Rommel asks members to review the minutes from January 2022 Board meetings.

MOTION: Rommel moves to accept the minutes. Andrea seconds. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. Review of action items from January Board meeting

- All Board members have completed the COI form.
- Newsletter editor search is ongoing and addressed in later committee report.
- Leadership list being updated as needed.
- Judy states that the Equity member on Communications Committee is not responding. Rommel notes that she moved recently. He will help to track her down.
- Xavier: if a committee member is removed, are they replaced right away, or do we have to wait until change in leadership in January? Rommel states a new member can be appointed right away.
- Publications: possible monographs, books, etc., to generate funds? Vanashri states that committee is not finished yet.
- Jerrid: what about ad hoc position statement? Coming this summer.

January 2022 Action Item review completed.

II. Past-President Report #3 (Debi Hanuscin)

- ASTE has a number of 25+ year members. How can we recognize them, in addition to the slide at the awards luncheon? Perhaps a *Newsletter* article? Recognition on the web site? Swag?
 - Awards committee will make slides for the annual meeting luncheon
 - Communications committee can recognize them in the *Newsletter*
 - CPC and Awards can coordinate recognition pins purchase
 - Executive Director will manage all of these steps.
- Transparency of Board reports and desire to create an annual report: DISCUSSION
 - AMTE does [one](#) each year
 - All who already write reports could create a public version of their report and give to Executive Director to collate and publish
 - John states that some fields in current Board report form could be designated as public and then gathered.
 - Lisa: what items would be public?
 - AMTE report has many photos as well? Where would those come from? This is a complicated endeavor
 - Action item designated for this question

III. Executive Director Report #4 (Kate Popejoy)

- The following items will be worked out by the presidential team: -
 - ASTE should consider developing a clear policy to deal with publication permission requests, such as those received for the ASTE/NSTA teacher preparation standards and a corresponding ISTE article in 2021 from publishers of the new SCED handbook.
 - ASTE should consider whether/how research and/or data collection *might* be conducted at the annual conference in presentation sessions. We received a

request for January 2022 conference, which was denied by the presidential team, as no policy exists.

- Kate, Pubs & Rommel will work on the following:
 - Our contract with Taylor & Francis for JSTE is over on 12/31/23. The JSTE Editor contracts terminate on 6/30/24. It's time to think about how we will handle both issues

IV. Director of Electronic Services Report #5 (John Rhea)

- Conference app needs to be updated. See [agenda](#) for details.
- Discussion:
 - Lisa (CPC Chair): Conference evaluation feedback related to app issues. John's proposed changes address these issues.
 - Virtual and F2F session distinction would be helpful.
 - Debi: who decides this? CPC? Board? Exec?
 - Rommel: CPC should meet to decide what should be done, then give to Exec committee for a vote.
 - Lisa: June/July timeframe. Will meet with John. Make motion to Board & Exec committee.

V. Awards Committee Report #6 (Jenn Stark)

- MOTION: change the SOPs 3D (1) to: Awards: The purpose of the Awards Committee is to recommend policy to the Board of Directors related to any Association awards and to administer the awards program. This committee shall consist of at least eight voting members including a chair, at least six at-large members, and one graduate student. A member of the Equity Committee serves as a non-voting ex officio member. Two voting members shall be appointed each year to serve two or three-year terms as needed. The President-Elect shall appoint elected member of the Board of Directors to serve as chair for one or more years. The co-chair will be one of the at-large members and shall be elected by the committee. The function of the chair and co-chair is to facilitate the work of the committee, advertise the awards, collect and distribute nomination materials, organize reviewer data, and recommend awardees to the Board of Directors for confirmation. The chair and co-chair decide who is responsible for coordinating the ASTE member awards and who is responsible for coordinating the ASTE paper awards. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- MOTION: Manuscript awards to be approved as follows:
 - Award IV: Promoting teachers' understanding of the relationship and difference between science and engineering: A novel set of instructional materials by Jacob Pleasants (University of Oklahoma), Jennifer Parrish (University of Northern Colorado), Sofia Alvarez-Briglie (University of Oklahoma), and Claudia Colonello-Olivares (University of Oklahoma)
 - Award V: (Re)Learning to teach science with a hearing impairment: An auto-ethnographic study by Deborah L. Hanuscin and Spencer Green (Western Washington University)

- Award V-graduate student level: Case studies: Promoting STEM teacher candidates' understanding and implementation of differentiated instruction by Mohammed Estaiteyeh (Western University, Canada)
- Motion passes with one abstention (Debi)

VI. Communications Committee Report #7 (Judy Morrison)

MOTION: Communications committee recommends that Jenn Oramous and Michelle Schpakow be appointed for a three-year term as co-editors of the *ASTE Newsletter*.
 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. Conference Planning Committee #8 (Lisa Borgerding - Chair and Kelly Feille - Conference Program Coordinator)

- MOTION: Change the SOPs to “The Conference Planning Committee develops and implements all components of the annual conference. The committee is chaired by the Conference Planning Committee chair, and only meets as needed. Members include the Past President, current conference chairs, conference program coordinator, at least two members at large, one graduate student, Executive Director, and the Director of Electronic Services. Future conference chairs, President, and one equity committee member serve as ex-officio members.” PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Discussion about virtual component of the conference: how to handle switching from F2F to virtual more smoothly. Equity issues. International members. Budget implications. Questions & discussion?
 - What is the true demand?
 - How to deal with time zone issue (especially for those in Europe)
 - A truly hybrid experience, similar to what AERA and NARST did in 2022, has issues. Not enough people attend F2F. An expensive thing to do.
 - Might we live stream a single F2F room with one session per thread scheduled there?
 - Phil Short (Equity CPC member) & Yohanis Fuente are tackling the virtual experience.
 - Could virtual happen a week later to help with multitasking issues?
- Discussion about what to do with rejected proposals as many people can only get funding to attend if on the program.
 - Most common reason for rejection is when a proposal does not fit the thread
 - Could move to different thread, but there is no time in the schedule to re-review a proposal.
 - Perhaps thread coordinators could decide whether to move rejected proposals to a poster? Might they also pre-screen proposals before sent to reviewers to check for belonging?
 - Perhaps move rejects to a “work in progress’ poster

VIII. Equity Committee Report #10 (Jerrid Kruse)

- MOTION: Modify mission statement to include equity as follows: The Association for Science Teacher Education (ASTE) provides leadership and support for professionals

involved in the education and development of teachers of science at all levels. ASTE promotes scholarship, collaboration, and innovation in science teacher education and seeks to advance policy and practice that contribute to more just and equitable outcomes for students and teachers of science. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Updated on web site.

- MOTION (from Debi's ad hoc committee): in cooperation with the Equity, Membership and Professional Development committees, to provide the ad hoc committee access to \$1200-\$2000 to support 6-10 speakers for a Fall webinar to highlight equity scholars to present and encourage others to become more familiar with the topic. The event will seek to amplify the voices of members who have been engaged in equity work over the long term, and provide compensation for their additional labor. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Exact amount will be determined by the Executive Committee.
- Committee also suggests a moderated Board retreat around equity

IX. Membership and Participation Committee Report #11 (Xavier Fazio and Alexis Riley)

- Exploring a wider array of membership rates, such as preservice teacher, undergraduate student, K-12 teacher, K-12 supervisor (such as district curriculum staff). Each would require some form of confirmation. The committee will compose a motion to submit to the Board in time for 2023 membership year.

X. Publications Committee Report # 15 (Vanashri Nargund-Joshi & Mark Bloom)

- MOTION: Approve Helen Meyer, Joshua Ellis & Sumreen Asim as new CITE Science Section editors. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XI. Regions Report #16 (Amanda Gunning)

- MOTION: Create a Forum Committee with a member elected to serve as chair.
 - Discussion: will the chair be on the Board? Yes. This would require a by-laws change, not just an SOP change. Could this person be a non-voting member? No. Forums dissolve, so Board rotation could be problematic.
 - Motion revised by Amanda to only create the committee.
 - Andrea moves to table the motion. Rommel seconds. In favor:11. Opposed:3. TABLED.
- MOTION: The Regions Committee requests the ability to receive discrete, as-needed, temporary funding from the larger ASTE organization to support regional activities through a proposal process.
 - Point of Information: a mechanism for this already exists.
 - Jennifer makes a MOTION to create an ad hoc committee to make a proposal process to ask for ASTE funding. Amanda seconds. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Debi will form, with Jenn, Amanda and Andrea serving. Report to Board at a later date.

ADJOURN FOR THE DAY.

Day Two: Board Meeting

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Meeting called to order at 8:00 by Rommel.

I. Continuation of Region Committee motion regarding forums.

- MOTION: to create a separate Forums Committee, with a chair elected from within the Forums groups. [Note: this is not an operating committee]. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Policy Forum wishes to disband due to lack of interest. Board expressed interest in it continuing. Rommel and Andrea will work with the Forum chair to move forward. Members often voice interest, but don't know where to start. Small Colleges Forum is ready to disband. MOTION: Rommel moves to disband the Small Colleges Forum. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- MOTION from Rommel: Create a new Science Teacher Residencies Forum. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- WISE forum would like ASTE support to subsidize graduate student attendance at their dinner. Discussion includes fact that ASTE already subsidizes graduate students via lower membership and conference registration rates. WISE members should subsidize within the forum. They can also apply for funding once mechanism is created. Presidential team will work on this, with Rommel notifying WISE forum of Board decision.

II. Oversight Committee Report #13 (Debi Hanuscin)

- Three recommendations regarding membership and communication:
 - Centralized page for volunteer positions and how many are available
 - Recognizing service, including committee members. Certificate, program and *Newsletter*.
 - Special Welcome email to new members. A conference table and session. Guide to how to get involved.
 - Discussion: existing committees can take responsibility for much of this: Membership, Communications and CPC. Committee chairs can make certificates of service from a template. Communications Committee can recruit members with web site experience.
- MOTION from Judy (Communications chair): At least six members shall be on the Communications Committee. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. 2023 Salt Lake City Conference budget presented by Kate. MOTION: Rommel moves to accept the budget as presented. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV: New Orleans as a site for 2024 conference (presented by Jenn as potential conference chair). Site visit completed in early April by Kate and Jenn. General discussion of site and budget, with positive feedback. Will get back to the Board with a motion.

V. General discussion about how to increase membership, generate funds and increase/improve communication led by Rommel. Basic need for mechanism to donate money at any time of the year, not just to Legacy fund at time of membership.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 MT.