



Florida Association of Science Teachers
Face to Face Meeting
April 30, 2022 - 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM, EDT

Board Meeting Minutes

The President, Marjorie Miles-Dozier, called the face-to-face meeting to order at 10:08 am and welcomed FAST members attending that included Marjorie Miles-Dozier, Zoe Ellen Warren, Dr. Janice Novello, Katie Schlotterbeck, Sharon Cutler, Nancy Besley, and Monika Moorman. The following board members joined the meeting online: Mary Tweedy, Yvette Greenspan, Barbara Reposa, Marsha Weingartner, and Sharon Culter.

President Marjorie Miles-Dozier informed the board that close to 30 people attended the FAST event at the Aerospace Center for Excellence in Lakeland. She expressed her gratitude to all who helped her organize the event.

Elected and Appointed Officers Reports:
Sharon Cutler had nothing new to report.

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At the time of the meeting, no reports have been provided by Area 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11 officers.

Janet Schnaus from Area 4 shared updates including STEM team working on a space collaboration with Blue Origin (lesson plans available on their website), organizing Environmental Tuesdays, and news about Clay County students participating in flight simulation.

President Miles-Dozier read the report that was emailed in from Area Director 5 Melissa Parks. Dr. Janice Novello from Area 7 shared the updates from her region. She also thanked FAST for the inspiration – Dig into the Environmental (using Keep America Beautiful curriculum). Katie Schlotterbek from Area 9 asked for more face-to-face meetings and shared that the Lee County structure is changing – no more science specialists.

Appointed Administrative Officers Reports: Division Representatives

Yvette F. Greenspan, Ph.D. (via zoom) shared her post-secondary updates including information on various tech grants recently awarded to local and state universities/colleges including Miami Dade College, FSU and UF. Please refer to her report for more details.

Appointed Administrative Officers Reports: Committee Chairpersons

Barbara Raposa, Convention shared her conference report including the following: the link to the \$134 hotel rate, her hopes to invite past president to lunch for a minimal rate, providing a t-shirt (a possible cost of \$10 for past president). She also inquired about a slogan (75 years of presidents or conferences). She asked anyone interested to contribute theme ideas and submit them to her to be discussed with the committee. She mentioned that the food obligation has lowered, and that the parking for the day of the conference is free. She added that the contract is identical as last year except for a slight rate increase.

Appointed Administrative Officers Reports: Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson

Advisory – Marsha Winegarner asked if we have any FAST members from FL DOE and if not, how can we attract anyone from FL DOE to join FAST. President Marjorie Miles-Dozier shared that she sends invitations, and that the department is informed about FAST events. Marsha Winegarner also mentioned that she would love to see more applications for PAEMST, especially the elementary section. She is willing to offer help with PAEMST application to elementary applicants.

Awards – Sharon Cutler reported on Denise Mcilwaine;s behalf. No application thus far. She would like to challenge Area Directors to nominate science educators for the area. The effort is made to turn applications into google forms.

Grants – New information has been posted on Facebook with links to google site.

Journal – ZoEllen Warren stated that the next newsletter is due out in May. She is looking for information on election, any information on any conference occurring this summer and/or anyone who attended conferences is invited to share their reflections. Deadline is May 15th for the submissions. The name of the journal has been changed to Florida Science Teachers. ZoEllen asked to email her with any questions. Mary Tweedy (via zoom) complemented ZoEllen on doing a fantastic job.

Vendor Liaison – Sharon Cutler reported that 10 vendors have showed interest in the conference. She is hopeful the “big” vendors will be back this year.

President Miles-Dozier shared on Gary Yoham’s behalf that elections and nominations have started; if you want to keep your post you must submit your name (area directors only).

Nancy Besley gave updates about the state science fair (Lakeland) where 1.2 million in scholarships and awards was given away; National Geographic was filming – hopefully a part of 6-part documentary about students.

New Business

President Miles-Dozier is working with Stephanie Killingsworth on creating a letterhead to be used to reach out the vendors.

President Miles-Dozier asked how we can best promote science. She will create a Power Point on how science can be promoted on a state level.

Barbara complemented President on organizing the event at the location; shared ways to promote FAST (teachers inviting other guests), Project WET, although not free, could provide

materials. Barbara Rapoza was asking how the \$250 amount for area directors can be used to promote FAST more effectively.

Conference – President Miles-Dozier shared suggestions for themes. Sharon Cutler suggested WE HEART SCIENCE EDUCATION (75 in the heart). Zoom attendees requested more time to brainstorm ideas.

Re: Session suggestions from the survey - a few ideas included: morning exercise (teacher SEL support), new sessions are being offered at NSTA, poster sessions – well received

Janice Novello – National Gifted Education has used these three formats – all formats have been well well received and enjoyed.

President Miles-Dozier thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Minutes accepted on 8-27-2022 board meeting.