



## **Board of Directors Meeting Montana Academy of Sciences**

Pintler Room

Student Union Building, Montana Tech, Butte, MT

7:30 A.M., Saturday, April 7, 2018

### **AGENDA**

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Roll Call – Jim Berardinelli**

#### **Approval of the Agenda – Jim Berardinelli**

#### **Review and Approval of the Minutes from October 7, 2017 BOD Meeting – Jim Berardinelli**

#### **Finance Report – Matt Queen, Treasurer**

#### **Executive Director’s Report – Matt Queen for Jim Barron**

#### **Board of Directors: Terms and Membership**

- Officers and terms - Jim Berardinelli
  - Nominations for President (2018-2021) - Jim Berardinelli is retiring from MSU-Bozeman (6/30/18)
  - Nominations for Executive Director (2018-2021) - Jim Barron indicated he will continue in this roles
  - Nominations for Recording Secretary (2018-2021) - Dan Gretch’s term expires (6/30/18)
  - Nominations for Treasurer (2018-2021) - Matt Queen’s term expires (6/30/18)
- Consideration of accountant, financial advisor, or estate planning attorney to the board - Jessica Tuberty

#### **Old Business**

- NAJAS Abstract Submission
  - Jim Barron: be collating the “best abstracts” from all the Jr. Academies into one publication highlighting the work of the Jr. Academies (to be put on a website or something?)...if that’s the case, then I’d like to see MJAS represented in that list.
  - ACTION - Needs to be accomplished this year
- Web site – is this working as we expect?
  - Costs and changes – Jim Berardinelli
  - Abstract Submission - seems to be working well -Jim Berardinelli
  - Combining Abstract Submission with Registration - Fro abstract to be uploaded to the server for presentation, need automatic registration form, once this submitted then abstract uploaded, if do not register then no abstract uploaded.

- Online Grant Submissions - Ease of review, any changes that we should make for next year

## New Business

- New Web Site
  - Costs and changes – Jim Berardinelli/Matt Queen
  - Fill-in “What’s Missing”
  - Jessica’s suggestions:
    - Missing a calendar on the home page for science events to be added and seen by everyone. See the bottom of **montananaturalist.org** for an example.
    - “Montana Academy of Science” under MAS on the home page
    - “Directors” -students, sponsors, judges are not the right categories for MAS. Instead it could be: Science Calendar for Science events, Featured scientist and research, and Grants Awarded.
- Setting Date of 2018 Fall Board Meeting – Last Saturday in September (9/29)
- 2019 Annual Meeting
  - Date of Annual Meeting
    - **Moving dates from April: suggestions from Jim Barron - March or October**
    - Dates of Annual Meeting if we stay with April – Friday and Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>; or, April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Possibility of rotating the location of the meeting every year -Jessica Tuberty
  - Coordinator for arrangements with MT Tech
    - Mike Gilbert if he volunteers - great work this year, Mike
  - Issue of Registration Charges for MT Tech Mentors
    - Should we charge them for attending
  - Jr. Academy Business – Jessica Tuberty, Director of the MJAS
  - Facebook event page and reach of that (boosting event posts) and feed on the website, consider including middle school students in meeting, and update on my "sticker bonanza"
  - MJAS web page
    - Is it working for the MJAS - Jessica Tuberty
- Method for Increasing Participation in Annual Meetings
  - Direct mailing to science related partners in industry for donations/sponsorship of meeting/grant support/etc. - Jessica Tuberty
  - Direct mailing to American Indian Science leaders across the state to address the lack of diversity and representation on the board

- Broadening the reach of the meeting to be a Montana Academy of Science, Art, and Humanities event
- 2018 Annual Meeting
  - MAS Student Research Grant Program
    - 2019 Awardee Presentations to Committee (reviews and rankings are available at this time) – Jennifer Swanson
  - Science Mentor of the Year Award - Jessica Tuberty
  - Best Oral and Poster Presentation
    - Undergraduate and Graduate
  - Other Annual Meeting Business
    - Proposed changes
  - Grant Review Panel and Committee Members - Jennifer Swanson
- Fall Newsletter - Jim Barron
- Abstracts to IJS; screen these via peer-review of abstracts; need a statement I “Abstraction Submission Instructions: must meet standards of IJS if not send back to improve?? - Jim Berardinelli, Jim Barron
- **Other Business**

**Adjourn**