

SDSTA Fall Meeting

Monday, July 31, 2006

Rapid City, SD

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 by President Micheline Hickenbotham. Members present were President Micheline, Mark and Marcy Farrand, James Stearns and Molly TenBroek.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved. Minutes will be published in the newsletter.

Since SDSTA treasurer Brant Miller was absent, the treasurer's report was submitted by Mark. Discussion of the treasurer's report was tabled as the members had some questions about the CD's.

Micheline inquired about SDSTA stationery. She will take a sample and get some more printed.

James reminded the Executive Board that we may need to put \$1000 in the SDSTA/SDCTM conference fund to cover some expenses.

The members present discussed their summer activities.

The SDSTA has both gray and green polo shirts with the SDSTA logo stamped on the upper left side. They are for sale for \$15. Contact Mark Farrand if you want to buy a shirt.

NASA representatives have contacted President Micheline about some free materials that support space and earth science that are available through the NASA Education and Public Outreach Broker. Micheline will submit a proposal for these materials. We could possibly distribute them at the conference in February.

The SDSTA website was discussed. James said he updated it in February. If any member sees that a change needs to be made, they should contact James. He will either make the change or allow them access to the website to make the changes.

Mark made a motion to change the membership dues to coincide with the dues of the SDCTM since that is what is posted on the joint conference website. It was seconded by James and all voted in favor of the change. Most dues will remain the same. However, retired teachers may join/renew for only \$5. James will see that these changes are corrected in the SDSTA newsletter and pamphlets.

An officers' handbook was discussed. Micheline will work on this after we review the Constitution and the By laws.

Larry Browning had sent a letter to Micheline with suggestions for speakers for the conference. After reviewing his suggestions, we decided Larry should contact Dave Vernier for this year's conference and Gerald Walker or Paul Hewitt for the banquet speaker for the 2008 conference. Larry can check on availability and cost for these speakers. The SDCTM will supply the banquet speaker for the 2007 conference. Micheline will also contact Fred Henderson to speak at the conference on the Biodiesel industry and Richard Sherman from Manderson, SD who does workshops on ethnobotany. She believes that both of these speakers would do a great job at the conference at a minimal cost.

The Constitution and By Laws were discussed and the following changes were suggested:

Constitution changes:

Article IV Section 2 Change toa Newsletter Editor and a Past President. This will