

JEANC Board Meeting
May 11, 2023
7 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Kristy Blackburn, Whitney Huang, Paul Kandell, Keri Kemble, Julie Kuo, Michael Moul, Sarah Nichols, Tripp Robbins, Peter Rodrigues, Tracy Anne Sena, Susan Sutton, Brian Wilson

Absent: Brandy Tuzon Boyd, Jim McCarthy, Samved Sangameswara, Julia Satterthwaite, Rod Satterthwaite, Fitz Vo

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Approve of the minutes from March 23, 2023 meeting
 - a. Paul moved, Keri seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.
- B. Approve agenda for this meeting
 - a. Sarah moved, Michael seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Shoutouts about NHSJC (Tripp)
 - a. Great job to everyone, despite challenges and last-minute (normal) hiccups. Tripp recognized everyone's efforts and especially Rod and Julia as chairs.
 - b. Tracy and Paul echoed these sentiments, both about the social event and about the behind-the-scenes efforts from Fitz running contests at the same time this took place.
 - c. Side notes - JEANC Annual Contest results are ready from Tracy on the website. Kristy has been verifying payment. Tracy may publish the post tonight pending check-in with Fitz.
- B. Membership Chair update, post NHSJC (Brian)
 - a. Memberships are rolling in regularly, including a new adviser at Sacramento Country Day. We saw a definite convention bump. We have 88 members, which is healthy.
 - b. Brian would like to discuss ideas about how to divide and conquer regarding member outreach when we get to the bylaw item later in the meeting. If everyone on the board has a handful of contacts assigned, it should be easy to reach our goals.
- C. Proposal about Member News (Tracy)
 - a. Email dialogue about this last week — let's make this a standing item at each JEANC meeting to showcase accomplishments and have more on our collective radar about how things are going in the area. Leads to award nominations. For example, Betty Packard wasn't honored (the next cycle has a July 15 deadline, if anyone wants to nominate her for Friend of Scholastic Journalism).

- b. Everyone supports this idea. We don't need to vote but we agree this will become a standing report/agenda item for each JEANC meeting.

D. Treasurer report (Keri)

- a. Things are complicated right now. Received a \$2,500 check today from JEA. Submitted receipts per instructions (such as Glide Memorial). The account has \$12,292.31 to date but we are not sure whether that's accurate given the outstanding reimbursements.
- b. Julie asked what she should tell SFGMC and whether to say we'll get back to them in 30 days? Tracy said that's a long time given their performance date and the delay, the relationship at stake locally, etc. Brian offered to talk to Rod and suggested Rod may make the contact because he's in other communications with JEA and NSPA already.
- c. Sarah asked Brian to see if Rod can coordinate an overall NHSJC follow-up (maybe email?) so we can address other loose ends.
- d. Tripp reported communication from Rod and confirmed we will NOT do an additional merch run.
- e. Tracy reminded everyone to pay for their honor cord orders.

DI. Changes to Bylaws update (Tripp & Julia)

- a. During this part of the meeting, we clarified past efforts on this particular bylaw revision and clarified voting eligibility. We needed a refresher on what we need to do in order to be in compliance. For example, Michael asked about the two-thirds requirement and we reaffirmed our understanding that it's two-thirds of the JEANC membership (those eligible to vote). This is a complicated component of a bylaws revision. Tracy suggested postponing due to the busy time of year in case teachers are not able to engage.
- b. Sarah urged the board to consider its previous dialogue so we don't redo the work or undermine our own past efforts. Brian agreed and said we are ready to move forward.
- c. Brian asked Tripp to confirm the voting mechanism so we can push this out now. Tracy said the cleaner, the better. Everyone liked what we used before and said it worked well.
- d. From a practical standpoint: Brian asked for the email to have the link to the summary and link to vote all in one — break it down and keep it simple so our members know the main points and our rationale. We talked about how to monitor who has voted and how to check our progress. Tripp will draft the member email and will explore options and analytics. Our plan is to leave the voting open until just before NMD if necessary in order to reach the threshold.
- e. Brian mentioned his plan to have each board member contact a few members personally to encourage them to vote on the bylaws changes.

DII. Board communication (Brandy)

- a. Brandy was unable to attend, but Tripp referenced feedback from Brandy regarding email versus GroupMe and how to stay connected, how to differentiate the types of board conversations or discussions we're having.
 - b. We will revisit this when Brandy is present so she can share more.
- G. Social Events - Summer? (Tripp)
 - a. Tripp said he plans to propose social events periodically and tossed out the idea of going to a ball game this summer. Giants? A's? Even Peter, who doesn't like baseball, is in favor.
- H. Planning for NMD (Paul)
 - a. We need a theme and logo.
 - b. The group can explore ideas via Google Docs within the next few weeks.
 - c. Paul reminded everyone that we can't do a "save the date" or other promos without a working idea, and it would be good to get things in motion.
 - d. Paul wants to have a strand or cluster of sessions about AI and its impact on our work.
- I. Teach-In discussion (if time)
 - a. Brian will revisit this with Julia. Interest is there. December or January. Still open to the central coast idea but Hearst Castle is not an option.
 - b. Sarah suggested connecting with Cal Poly.

III. CHAIR REPORTS, if any

- A. Annual Contest update (Fitz) - He was not able to attend but submitted an email update. Things are on track. Everyone appreciates Fitz's hard work on this.

IV. UPCOMING

- A. NMD: Oct. 14

V. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURN

- a. Paul gave an Oracle update from the editors. They're leading and it's awesome. Thanks to Paul for his guidance and leadership over the past two weeks.
- b. Tracy is working with Father Sauer Academy (middle school/junior high prep). Awesome!

Tripp moved to adjourn. Peter seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.