

Two-Year Section Meeting  
November 5, 2010  
Minneapolis MN  
Hyatt Regency

**Call to Order** Carol Schutte, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:25 am.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Copies of the minutes had been distributed at 7 for members to review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Hinkley and seconded by Pam Clarke. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

### **Chair's Report**

Carol introduced the representative from our sponsors, John Wiley & Sons: Clay Stone, along with Christine and Rachel.

Carol also reminded members of our other sponsors:  
Blue Door - for awarding a free registration scholarship  
LabPaq - for sponsoring the Two Year Section reception tonight  
McGraw Hill - for sponsoring the Two Year Section Teaching Awards  
Vernier - for sponsoring the Two Year Section dinner speaker, Sam Rhine  
W.H. Freeman - for sponsoring the Two Year Section dinner

Carol presented plaques to our two Two Year Section Award winners, Bob Remedi Sharon Lee-Bond. Their plaques will be officially awarded at the Honors Luncheon today.

### *get summary of accolades*

Carol introduced Dennis Gathman, Two Year Section member and NABT Board member, and Dan Ward, Two Year Section member and NABT President-Elect.

### **Board Report**

Dennis gave a summarized review of NABT's transition from a staffed association to a mostly volunteer organization. We have downsized liabilities with the loss of staff to become a financially leaner organization. This means the Two Year Section, along with all other sections and committees, have a tremendous opportunity to get involved. Any members interested in section or committee work, please volunteer.

Dennis also suggested members plan now for next year's conference in Anaheim.

Dan assured us that the Two Year Section is home to him, in spite of his many activities in other groups this year. He gave accolades to Carol, who has worked so hard for this year's activities, and said her efforts were noticed by the Board. He also encouraged active, involved, members.

Dan also gave us a brief overview of a grant opportunity NABT is working on: a proof of concept idea that would bring adjuncts into the arena of professional development. NSF is interested, and Dan hopes to have a viable grant application ready soon. He said the idea would be transferable to four-year institutions, along with other disciplines at two-year colleges. Anyone interested could contact Dan or Dennis.

Dan and Dennis both encouraged new attendees to feel welcome and to get involved in NABT and Two Year Section activities.

## **Old Business**

**Website** Jonathan gave an update on the Two Year Section Website. It's basically ready, and just needs to get uploaded. We have permission, we just need the mechanics of getting it done. He plans to have a place where minutes will be posted, along with some conference pictures to inform and attract potential members. Also membership lists, to facilitate connections between colleges, would be available.

## **Scheduling of Traditional Events**

With the scheduling of the NABT banquet on Friday night, the Two Year Section has experienced difficulty avoiding conflicts with other events such as the Grand Opening and the Four Year Section reception. Ideas suggested included condensing the Two Year evening activities and abandoning the tradition of going off-site to visit a nearby two-year campus. Neither of these ideas gained support in the discussion. A suggestion to move an evening event to Saturday night was considered briefly, but Dan Ward suggested this might not be possible, since the conference official ends Saturday afternoon. Lunch, instead of dinner, was also suggested. The consensus was that we should be able to find a way to continue having both a dinner and a reception. Perhaps returning to a Wednesday evening reception, after the main reception, or dovetailing our reception with the four-year section's, and continuing to leave the Exhibit Hall opening to have our traditional dinner, seemed workable. The main suggestion was to plan early and notify the conference schedulers of what our plans would be each year. As long as our section remains active and involved in NABT conferences, particularly with bringing in sponsors, we should be able to have our preferences considered.

**Two Year recognition plaques:** It was suggested last year that former section chairs receive recognition plaques, but there was no strong feeling this year to commit the resources necessary. Previous chairs present that voiced an opinion seemed satisfied with the appreciation they have already received.

**Logo** Once the website is available, logo choices will be posted for voting by the membership.

**Articulation with Four Year Section** - Pam Tabery reported that the committee formed last year sent out a survey, with two-year contacts provided by our section. The results will be in an article in *American Biology Teacher* in January. Jackie McLaughlin of the Four Year Section asked for Two Year Section members; we had three new members interested, plus one remaining from last year's committee.

Dan Ward cautioned that national efforts to align standards has prompted Board involvement, to make sure NABT statements align with national statements from other associations; the Board will be working with the Four Year and Two Year Sections to make sure we don't have conflict with national standards.

### **Other Remarks**

Betsy Ott summarized the application process for the Two Year Section award, sponsored by McGraw Hill. Applications will be electronic and will be available in December, with a deadline in March. Members can nominate others as well as themselves for the award.

Dennis Gathman suggested the Two Year Section can get set up in NABT's web worksite, called Base Camp. This would allow us to send group emails, upload and share files, and archive communications as well as documents.

Dan Ward encouraged members to use NABT's blog to share ideas and activities among members.

**New Business** There was no new business.

### **Election of officers**

Dee Millard, Nominations committee chair, explained our process: A new secretary and chair elect is chosen each year; the current chair elect becomes the next chair. Nilo Marin will be the next chair, starting at the end of this meeting, and will preside over the meetings in Anaheim.

Betsy Ott was nominated for chair elect. Susan Finazzo was nominated for secretary. Nominations were closed and candidates elected by acclamation, with motion by Jerry Hinkley and second by Dan Ward, and no dissenting votes.

A request was made for help next year in Anaheim, since Nilo is in Florida. No one from California attended the meeting, so we are still looking for some local assistance.

### **Committee Appointments**

The Awards committee is chaired by the secretary, Susan Finazzo. Members are:

Pam Clarke, Red Deer College;

Laura Houston [lhouston15@alamo.edu](mailto:lhouston15@alamo.edu) NE Lakeview CC (Alamo CC district, San Antonio)

Jeff Mahr [jeffrey.mahr@gpcedu](mailto:jeffrey.mahr@gpcedu) Georgia Perimeter College

The Nominations Committee will consist of:

Caroline McNutt

Dee Millard

The Two Year - Four Year Articulation Committee (Pam Tabery) includes:

Mary Phillips (returning member) [mphillips@tulsacc.edu](mailto:mphillips@tulsacc.edu)

Bernie Marcus

Beverly Glover [beverly.glover@newmoodle.wosc.edu](mailto:beverly.glover@newmoodle.wosc.edu)

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After the passing of the Gavel, the meeting was adjourned by Nilo Marin.