

MSIA TELECONFERENCE

April 21, 2011

Present: Chair, Gary Marshall; Secretary, Cheryl Meyers; Dr. Audrey DePelteau, Diana Armstrong and Allan Steinberg

The MSIA Teleconference meeting began at 11:06 a.m. lead by Chair, Gary Marshall.

The main purpose of this teleconference was to discuss proposals for updating, hosting and maintaining the MSIA website and plan for our June face-to face meeting which would be when new officers would be elected and dues renew.

MSIA Website: Jerry James, who was to inform us of a proposal from his location, was not available for the teleconference. Jerry has also been unable to contact the website group that Cheryl Meyers offered. Gary Marshall has received a proposal but has been unable to open the attachment to date. Dr. Audrey DePelteau offered to check with some ETSU students to see if they would be a possibility.

Gary asked that everyone who had proposals to get them to him as soon as possible as the website is a key issue to promoting membership in MSIA.

Next meeting: Don Wood with Appalachian Enterprise Center in Boone, NC offered to host the June meeting, but was also unable to attend the teleconference. Cheryl contacted him after the teleconference and he is offering either Friday, June 17th or Friday, June 24th. The meeting would begin at 11:00 and include lunch. It would last approximately two hours. Members are asked to RSVP to Cheryl Meyers ASAP as to which date would work best for them.

Dr. Audrey DePelteau suggested that we have a Facebook page as well as the website as this medium seems to have a wide range and popularity for connecting people. Gary suggested we finalize the website first, but if anyone would like to set this up, there would be no objection. It was also suggested that the website be used to highlight member events.

Conclusion: As there was no other business, the teleconference concluded at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Meyers
Secretary