



# MONTANA

Winter 2022 MTDI Board Meeting via Zoom

Date: Monday, January 31, 2022, 7:00 PM MST

Call to Order: The meeting to order at 7:02PM

Present: Philip Gales, Heather Geiger, Ernie Chang, Janet Pannell, Adam Law from DIHQ

Approve Minutes of October 2021 Meeting

Janet made the motion to approve the October 2021 minutes. Philip seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's report** The treasurer, Jessica Peavler, has asked to step down due to family medical issues.

## Financial Report

Current Balance	\$53,408.26
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## Global Finals Announcement from HQ

All DI teams will be invited to Global Finals this year. The announcement will be sent out at the beginning of February and registration will begin at the end of February.

## Current status of MTDI.

**Number of teams:** Currently Montana has only one team. We have extended the registration deadline for our tournament to February 15.

**Marketing efforts:** - We contacted interested schools and Kiwanis clubs in the fall. We also had the Gallatin County Superintendent send emails to all school administrators in the county as well as post information about DI on his Facebook page. We tried posting the STEAM Activities QR codes on school Facebook pages but did not receive replies from them. In December we sent out our recruiting/volunteer thank you Christmas cards, in January we made calls to past team managers offering them the marketing team packs. In March we will be presenting Instant Challenges at the Rural School Science Fair. We will also post the QR code for DI STEAM activities to download.

**Board members:** We need a treasurer. Felicia asked to step down from Tournament Director due to family medical issues. Janet will also be stepping down due to personal medical issues.

**How HQ can help:** Adam Law spoke on having HQ help recruit a parent organization in Montana with good contacts with schools and youth programs. This organization would be the one to take over administering DI in Montana.

There was discussion on whether we should pay someone to do recruiting. It was mentioned we had done this before with no success. It was felt that having another organization take over would be the best option.

All board members were asked to send the director a list of possible organizations for HQ to contact.

### **MTDI Tournament**

**Where:** It was recommended that we move this year's tournament site to Frenchtown since they are the only team this year.

**Combine with an area IC Day:** It was suggested that we consider having a Creativity (IC) event in conjunction with the State Event. It was felt that if we do, it should only be offered to Frenchtown.

**Next meeting date** The director asked whether our next meeting should be before or after the State Tournament. There was a consensus to have it after the tournament.

**Adjourn** Janet made a motion to adjourn. Ernie seconded the motion. The motion passed.