

## Mid-Atlantic ASTE Meeting News

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On September 28-29, 2018, the annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Science Teacher Education met in Harrisonburg, VA. Conference coordinators Kerry Cresawn (James Madison University), Kristie Gutierrez (Old Dominion University), Meredith Kier (William and Mary) and Angela Webb (James Madison University) arranged a wonderful event on the stunning grounds of the Massanetta Springs.



2018 Conference Committee (l to r): Angela Webb, Meredith Kier, Kerry Cresawn, and Kristie Gutierrez

The 65 attendees, including 23 graduate students, had opportunities to participate in 30 plenary paper sessions, and 16 poster sessions. The number of first time attendees was 27, and 10 states were represented (Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia). The number of members who paid for their registration using our new PayPal method was 59 (out of 65). The conference ended with a “Business Meeting” where Meredith Kier (William and Mary) was elected to serve as the Secretary. Tina Cartwright (Marshall University), Regional Director, will be working with Jeffrey Carver (West Virginia University), Deb Hemler (Fairmont State University) and Paula Magee (Indiana University – Purdue University) to coordinate the 2019 Mid-Atlantic Conference in West Virginia.

We awarded our sixth Dr. Patricia A Obenauf Graduate Student Research Presentation Award to Kayla Norville from North Carolina State University. This award is a peer-reviewed, merit-based honor intended to recognize outstanding contributions to research, as well as delivery of these contributions. The winner, Kayla Norville (North Carolina State University), presented *Cooperating Teacher’s Influence on Pre-service Science Teacher’s Pedagogical Content Knowledge Development*. As a recipient of this award, she received a certificate and \$750 to travel and present her research at the 2019 International ASTE conference in Savannah, GA. Notification and requirements to apply for the 2019 MA-ASTE Graduate Student Presentation Award will be submitted via the listserv (April 2019).



Graduate Student Award: Kayla Norville and Tina Cartwright (Regional Director).

We would like to thank Paula Magee as out-going Secretary and Lisa Gross (Treasurer) for their outstanding dedication, commitment to excellence, and service to MA-ASTE. You are AWESOME and you deserve that GOLD STAR!



MA-ASTE Leadership (l to r): Paula Magee (out-going Secretary), Tina Cartwright (Regional Director), and Lisa Gross (Treasurer)