

MASS Business Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

8:15 – 9:00 am

Bozeman GranTree Inn

MINUTES

President *Cal Ketchum*, Presiding

1. Consideration of [MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes 3-20-18](#)

Motion was made by Bart Hawkins to approve minutes; seconded by Lori Barron

Vote: Passed unanimously

2. *MASS President Report - Cal Ketchum, MASS President*

Cal mentioned the Spring MASS Conference and urged the members to register plus come and join the Day of Advocacy in March. He also mentioned the NCE AASA incentive award and also urged members to attend a national conference if you ever have the chance .

3. *AASA National Conference on Education ([NCE](#)) and MASS Incentive Award*

Dr. Mike Perry, MASS President-Elect

February 14-16, 2019 in Los Angeles, CA

Mike explained the Incentive Award; he also urged the membership to try and attend the NCE AASA. There is one spot open and this other spot will be filled by Oct. 1. Pat will put out an email to extend this deadline.

4. *AASA Governing Board/Executive Committee Report*

Ron Whitmoyer, Jule Walker, & Leland Stocker

Jule started the discussion describing the roles of 3 reps on the board. She also mentioned the dates of advocacy work at the federal level. Jule also described the meetings with the congressional delegation - Tester, Daines, Gianforte. Topics were school safety, etc. There was also discussion of CTE prior to authorization of Perkins V which has been done since. There is an effort to combine apps for less paperwork. Perkins V has been reauthorized.

Ron was next and described the ideal of building relationships with congressional reps. All 3 are responsive to them as MT delegates. Tester has been great for education especially forwarding a bill trying to get to the 40% SPED Funding (sitting at around 15% right now). He also discussed the letter/email from Noelle on the IRS and tax credits and deductions and for supts to fill out that letter.

Leland discussed the changes in Medicaid and what those create for more requirements. He also described the effects of the department of education and department of labor now combining.

5. *[Advocacy Issues](#) Report – Rick Duncan, MASS Federal Relations Coordinator*

Rick gave report on the Delegate Assembly and described the 5 priorities that resulted from the assembly meeting. He mentioned that the EDIC has been very supportive, especially with SPED funding and adding it to the funding formula, echoing what Kirk had describe yesterday. He also gave a synopsis of the federal advocacy in describing the caucus with the 3 congressional reps and the meetings. He also brought up the school voucher system and its profitization character being evident.

6. *SAM Update*

Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director

Pat reiterated what Kirk described on Monday and went over the SAM Legislative Network Process and what to expect. He urged the members to look for the email coming from your Regional President in October and also urged members to register for the SAM LN. Pat also discussed the MASS membership at currently being 186 members. He also mentioned that the current total SAM membership sits at 900. Lastly, he described the drop-dead date of September 30 for continuity of certain member benefits with AASA.

Motion was made by Dale Olinger to adjourn, seconded by Wade Sundby.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.