



# MAEMSP Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Join [SAM Zoom](#)

**Purpose:** To increase effective communication with MAEMSP leadership to support regional meeting discussion of contemporary education issues

In attendance: Nicole Trahan, Shelley Andres, Ted Miller, Jessica Shourd, Kareen Bangert, Kim Ray, Stacy Lemelin, Marlin Lewis, Julie Hornby, Ben Lambert, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield, Marcus Meyer

Not in attendance: Barb Droessler, Julie Mickolio, Teresa Sprague

President Trahan called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

## Items for Discussion

*MAEMSP President, Nicole Trahan, Presiding*

1. Introductions – Welcome Board members
2. Minutes [Action]

- a. [MAEMSP Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes 1-23-22](#)

Marlin Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes; Shelley Andres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

- b. [MAEMSP Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes 1-24-22](#)

Stacy Lemelin made a motion to approve the minutes; Julie Hornby seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

3. MAEMSP Information and Topics of Discussion – *Nicole*

- a. Appointment of [MAEMSP Board](#) Position – NE Director Cindie Togni

Nikki stated that she is requesting action by the board to appoint Cindie Togni as the NE Director.

Kim Ray made a motion to accept the appointment of Cindie Togni as the NE Director; Shelley Andres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nikki reviewed the board rotation schedule for 2022-23. She stated that she will reach out to Barb Droessler to see if she would like to be reappointed as SAM Board representative. Marlin reported that he will be leaving MAEMSP and will be joining MASSP since he has accepted a position as principal at Hamilton High School. He will be resigning his position as SAM Board Representative. Nikki will email the MAEMSP membership asking for names of members interested in serving on the board as a SAM Board Representative. She hopes to have someone appointed prior to the Board Reorganization Meeting in April.

- b. Montana Principals Conference 2022 Report – *Ted Miller*

- [Montana Principals Conference 2022 Evaluation Report](#)
- [Montana Principals Conference 2022 Focus Zone Session](#)

Nikki reviewed the evaluation and thanked Ted for his work on planning the conference. The survey revealed that topics suggested for future conferences include SEL, mental health of students and staff, behavioral health strategies, standards based grading, roundtable discussions, and new principal sessions. Ted reported that he is happy with the evaluation report but thinks the location of the conference is important to consider when planning evening events and socials. Kim stated that possibly asking attendees to RSVP for social events may help in planning. Marcus stated that the Delta in Helena is reserved for the 2023 conference which is beneficial to the SAM office during a legislative session. Board members suggested including identification on name tags for first-time attendees, new principals, region membership, retired members. It was suggested to divide members into regions after the opening welcome so they have the opportunity to connect with region members.

· [2022 MT Principals Conference Attendance-Income Breakdown Estimate 3-7-22](#)

Marcus explained the breakdown that is divided between MAEMSP (59%) and MASSP (41%) based on affiliate attendance. The profit for MAEMSP will be approximately \$19,000.

c. NAESP National Leaders Conference 2022, Feb 27 – Mar 2 in Washington DC Report - *Stacy*

Stacy reported that the conference provided fantastic workshops to help principals with strategies for advocating for public education. The group met with Senator Daines' education advisor, Senator Tester, and Representative Rosendale and asked them to publicly support public education, recruitment and retention of quality educators, and student mental health.

d. NAESP Pre K-8 Principals Conference 2022, July 15-17 in Louisville Report - *Nicole*

Nikki encouraged board members to consider attending the conference.

e. [MAEMSP Regional Information](#) webpage and [MAEMSP Board of Director Meetings](#) webpage

Kirk asked region directors to email meeting agendas and minutes to Kim to be posted on the regional information webpage.

f. [MAEMSP Financial Report](#)

Kirk reviewed the report stating that the 2022-23 proposed budget will be presented at the reorganization meeting in April.

g. [MAEMSP Membership Report](#) [2021-22 MAEMSP Regional Membership](#)

Kirk reviewed the membership report stating that the 2022-23 membership drive will launch in April.

h. Proposed [2022-23 SAM/MAEMSP Membership Dues Increase](#)

Kirk reported that dues are increasing at NAESP for 2022-23 and there is also a recommendation to the SAM Board of Directors to increase the SAM membership dues by \$20. The SAM Board will be voting on this increase at the March 22 meeting.

Stacy Lemelin made a motion to approve the proposed membership dues increase; Julie Hornby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

i. SAM Office Succession Plan Update – *Kirk*

Kirk reported that the SAM Executive Board has hired Dr. Rob Watson, Superintendent, Missoula County Public Schools as the next SAM Executive Director. He will start the position on July 1, 2022. Kirk will continue to serve as a consultant through December 31, 2022.

4. Updates from Board Members

a. Executive Board – *Nicole, Shelley, Ted, Julie*

Julie reported that she has a goal of encouraging members to get more involved. She feels that her colleagues in Billings encouraged her to be on the board, for which she is grateful. Shelley hopes that as more face-to-face meetings are held, more connections with members will be made.

b. State Representative – *Kim*

Kim reported that the state representatives met to plan the future nominating process.

c. Federal Relations/Advocacy – *Stacy*

Stacy stated that she will provide a full report in April following the next Federal Relations meeting.

d. Regions – *Region Directors*

Ben reported that he is scheduling a region meeting for later this spring.

e. SAM Representatives – *Marlin, Barbara*

f. Middle School, OPI, Retiree Representatives – *Becky, Kareen*

Becky reported that she enjoyed the Middle School Boom Session at the conference.

Kareen reported that she is gathering names of retirees from the region directors. The list of retirees will be shared at the next meeting.

5. [SAM Update](#) on Contemporary Issues – *Kirk*

Kirk invited board members to review the update. He stated that he is happy to attend region meetings to help support region members.

6. [MAEMSP Strategic Plan](#) Discussion

Nikki asked for the names of board members interested in reviewing the current strategic plan. Julie, Stacy, Ted, Ben, and Kim all volunteered to serve on the strategic plan committee. Nikki will email the committee to provide next steps.

7. Future Meeting Dates - [Board Meetings 2021-22 & Conferences 2021-22](#) and [SAM Web Calendar](#)

a. MAEMSP Board Reorganization Meeting – April 25, 2022 10:00am – 3:00pm

8. What's on Your Mind...

Stacy Lemelin made a motion to adjourn; Kim Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Scofield

Director of Professional Learning and Member Services