



MAEMSP Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

In attendance: Nicole Trahan, Shelley Andres, Teresa Sprague, Jessica Shourd, Ben Lambert, Marlin Lewis, Barbara Droessler, Kim Ray, Becky Carlson, Stacy Lemelin, Kirk Miller, Marcus Meyer, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Julie Mickolio, Ted Miller, Julie Hornby

Items for Discussion

MAEMSP President, Nicole Trahan, Presiding

1. Introductions – Welcome Board members
2. [MAEMSP Board Reorganization Meeting DRAFT Minutes 4-26-21 \[Action\]](#)

Stacey Lemelin made a motion to approve the minutes; Ben Lambert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. MAEMSP Information and Topics of Discussion – *Nicole*
 - a. [Current Award Opportunities](#) - **Applications are due by October 1, 2021**
 - b. NAESP National K-8 Principals Conference 2021 in Chicago Report - *MAEMSP Conference Attendees and Incentive Award winners* – Nikki reported that Roxie Benjamin, the 2020 incentive award winner, attended the conference. Christopher Whiteman, 2021 incentive award winner, was unable to attend the conference. Nikki stated that a great group of Montana administrators attended and amazing presenters were in attendance. Travis Niemeyer was recognized as Montana’s National Distinguished Principal. Stacey thanked Kim for planning the reception, that was a huge success. Kim reported that she enjoyed meeting with other administrators across the country.
 - c. Consideration of filling vacant [MAEMSP Board](#) Positions – NE Director, OPI Rep

Nikki reported that she was working with a member in the NE region but it did not work out. The board will continue to try to fill this position by contacting current NE region members.
 - d. Montana Principals Conference 2022 Update – *Ted Miller*

Kirk reported that a decision will be made by December 15, 2021, whether the conference will be held in person or virtually. Ted has been working with Shawn Hendrickson, MASSP President, to solidify the conference agenda. Marcus has contacted several speakers who have agreed to present either in person or virtually. Each potential speaker has stated that they would not charge a cancellation fee if the decision is made at the last minute to hold the conference virtually.

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

Nikki encouraged board members to review these pages on the SAM website. Kirk reported that only MAEMSP board members have access to the MAEMSP Board of Director Meetings webpage and the MAEMSP Regional Membership google sheet. He stated that members must be paid and transmitted to NAESP by September 30th to ensure they do not lose their national benefits. Shelley urged the region directors to call the MAEMSP members who have not paid their membership and encourage them to visit with their business office to be sure their membership is paid in the next few days.

f. National Principals Month in October. [National Principals Month website](#) - [[Celebrate tab: \(Social Media Toolkit\)](#)] ([Send an E-Card](#))] [[Advocate tab: \(Shadowing Visits resources\)](#)]

Nikki stated that the [National Principals Month website](#) has great resources for helping a district celebrate National Principals Month. Shelley stated that she and Barb worked together last year to celebrate a different principal each day on the MAEMSP Facebook page. Stacey stated that her staff celebrates National Principal Day on April 30th. Nikki encouraged board members to reach out to their colleagues during the month of October. Kirk stated that this information has been reported to other SAM affiliates (MASS, MCASE, MACSS).

g. [MAEMSP Financial Report](#)

Kirk reviewed the financial report. He reported that the SAM Investment/Finance Committee will be reviewing the SAM financial report on October 21, 2021 and will consider removing the investment income line item. This line item only results in revenue if the board would choose to withdraw this money instead of reinvesting the funds.

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

Kirk reviewed the membership report stating that some memberships have come in since September 1st when the report was created. The report will be updated on September 30th to reflect all of the first quarter memberships.

4. Updates from Board Members

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

Shelley reported that MCEL will be offered virtually only instead of a hybrid delivery model. She encouraged members to attend and participate in the great agenda that has been planned.

b. State Representative – *Kim*

Kim reported that the 2022 NAESP Conference will be held in Louisville in July. More information will be coming soon.

c. Federal Relations/Advocacy – *Stacy*

Stacy reported that President Biden's proposed budget would greatly increase the education budget. It has been passed by the House and waiting for the Senate. The reconciliation bill that the majority party is trying to get passed includes money for education including funds for recruitment of principals, scholarships for teachers, opportunities for hard-to-fill positions, teacher leader programs. NAESP is focusing on efforts on this bill. Stacy encouraged members to register to receive the Twitter updates from NAESP. NAESP advocacy is encouraging principals to get involved in how their district is spending ARP funds. NAESP

has been meeting with the CDC about how to safely open schools. Stacy reported that NAESP has a new website and will be sending surveys soon asking about member needs. Stacy reported that NAESP wants to highlight how principals are advocating for their district within their community. She asked board members to let her know of MAEMSP members who are doing a good job advocating for their schools. Stacy encouraged members to review the Federal Relations webpage on the SAM website and the presentation by AASA Advocacy Director, Sasha Pudelski.

d. Regions – *Region Directors*

Eastern: Ben reported that a meeting will be scheduled soon.

Western: Jessica reported that the region members are planning to meet soon at Ninepipes or via Zoom. She hopes that members will share all of the tasks that they are currently doing in their jobs.

North Central: Teresa reported that a meeting will be held mid-October most likely via Zoom.

South West: No report

North East: No report

e. SAM Representatives – *Marlin, Barbara*

No report

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

Becky reported that she reached out to the middle school MAEMSP members in August and will continue to schedule check-ins quarterly.

Kareen: No report

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

Kirk reviewed the Update focusing on promoting the value of local public schools which is a result of recent events that have resulted in communities attacking schools. The SAM Executive Board created a strategy for changing the dialogue. An open letter written by Kirk on behalf of SAM was sent to all major Montana newspapers and posted on social media. Kirk also provided testimony that mirrored the letter at the recent Board of Education meeting and at the Education Interim Committee meeting. His testimony focused on the school as the safe and healthy provider of the education of every child resides in the local school, the school as the center for community activities, the school district as an economic driver in the community, and the pride the school district brings to the community. He encouraged board members to communicate the great things that are happening in their schools with their community members. The GREAT 2021 publication will be available in October and can be used to assist administrators in telling their stories. Nikki thanked Kirk and SAM for the work they are doing to advocate for Montana's public schools.

6. [MAEMSP Strategic Plan](#) Discussion

Nikki reviewed the goals as written in the strategic plan. Kirk stated that the SAM office is willing to facilitate a review of the plan if the board desires. Nikki will reach out to board members to determine if they would like to engage in a strategic plan review.

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

The next MAEMSP Board meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

8. What's on Your Mind...

Nikki thanked the board for everything they are doing for public education.

Stacy Lemelin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Shelley Andres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Scofield
Director of Professional Learning and Member Services

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