

MAEMSP Board Leadership Web Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

9:00 – 10:00 AM

[UberConference](#)

Purpose: To increase effective communication with MAEMSP leadership to support discussion of contemporary education issues and resources available to MAEMSP members

In attendance: Stacy Lemelin, Bruce Whitehead, Lance Boyd, Courtney Bake, Brenda Krueger, Dale Ohlinger, Damian Droessler, Carole McKittrick, Shelley Andres, Rich Chrisman, Pam Meier, Craig Crawford, Dick Trerise, Jon Konen, Steve Fanning, Kirk Miller, Pat Audet, Kim Scofield

Absent: Tad Schye

Items for Discussion

1. [MAEMSP Board of Directors Update](#) – *Lance*

2. [MAEMSP Delegate Selection](#) – *Lance*

Lance asked for names of members wanting to serve as delegates for Delegate Assembly in June. The NorthCentral Region has sent names. Lance also asked that resolutions brought by MAEMSP members be sent to Lance or Bruce. Bruce is also a delegate for Delegate Assembly.

3. [META Website Accessibility Project](#) – *Kirk and Pat*

Kirk discussed the tools available on the SAM website through the META Website Accessibility Project. Pat explained the background leading to the formation of the project and the METAhelp.org website and help pages. He urged members to visit the RANCH Rules, other items located in the Table of Contents, and to talk with their technology department about their district website ADA compliance status.

4. [MAEMSP Regional Information Resources](#) and MAEMSP Community Forum Uses and Demo – *Kirk and Kim*

- [UberConference Webinar Tool Instructions for MAEMSP Regional Meetings 2017-18](#)
- Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes – send to Kim
- MAEMSP E-List
- Instructions on how to use SAM Community Forums - [Document](#) or [Video](#)
 - Contact Kim in advance if you want to use UberConference for a region meeting
 - Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes – send to Kim
 - Single place to go to for checking out what other regions are doing

- MAEMSP E-List
 - Kim explained that e-lists are a great notification tool, but a message but not a great tool for dialogue since all responses are sent to the entire membership. Instructions on how to use SAM Community Forums - [Document](#) or [Video](#)
 - Kim described the process of using the SAM Community forum as a tool for encouraging dialogue.
 - Pat showed the steps on the Member Landing Page as Kim described the process using the MAEMSP Member Forum
 - Kim pointed out that you can go in and post a new topic at any time within the same forum
 - Kim pointed out that when you get an email notification when subscribed to a forum, the body of the message is included.
 - Kim also pointed out that you can go to technical help at the bottom of the Member Landing Page and ask a question

5. [Montana Principals Conference 2018](#) – Lance and Pam

Pam asked directors to begin advertising for the conference by sending personal emails to principals. Pam asked that region directors volunteer to be responsible for guest speakers - airport shuttle, etc . John, Joe, and Tony still need to be assigned to a region director. Pam also asked for a gift from each region to give as a door prize at the conference. The banquet theme is “Western”. Pam also asked for help from the region directors during the 50/50 raffle. These jobs will be solidified Wednesday morning during the conference. 110 people have registered for the conference so far. Joel Graves and Lance will be taking care of advertising, but Lance asked that members retweet and share these advertising efforts through their social media accounts. Registrants can register for the pre-conference or the conference. If they want to attend Friday of the conference, they will need to register for both Thursday and Friday of the conference. Pam asked about sending a promotional message through the e-list. Kim suggested also starting a dialogue about the conference on the MAEMSP Community Forum. There will be an Executive Board Meeting from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4th followed by an MAEMSP Board breakfast and discussion time at 10:00 a.m.

6. [Advocacy Issues](#) – Carole, Brenda and Kirk

- [Call for SAM Delegate Assembly Positions and Resolutions](#)
- [Federal Issues](#)

Brenda reported that Senator Tester has reached out to the SAM office for a quote in support of rural schools and his letter to Dept. of Education Director DeVos. She also guided members to the resources available under the Advocacy tab on the SAM website. Brenda explained that MAEMSP signed on to a letter in support of raising the cap on Non-Defense Discretionary spending which in turn would fund education programs like Title II. Brenda, Pam, Lance, and Carole will be traveling to Washington DC in March to

meet with Montana legislators. Brenda asked for directors to send her personal stories she can share with legislators while in DC. Kirk added that the state revenue estimates continue to be an issue, currently an estimated \$300 million shortfall. Kirk believes K-12 education will need to participate in and support revenue enhancement efforts. Bruce recommended emphasizing the fact that strong schools create strong business is a good message to share with our legislators. Carole concurred with Brenda's and Bruce's statements. Kirk pointed out that Bruce, Kirk, or Pat can assist in crafting resolutions for Delegate Assembly.

7. MAEMSP [Membership](#), Elections and [Awards](#) – *Pat*

MAEMSP currently has 338 members compared to 326 last year. Overall, SAM has 1052 members compared to 1020 last year. SAM membership has increased by 62 members from two years ago. SAM will continue with an online renewal process for the 2018-19 membership year.

Pat stated that award nominations closed February 9th. The Friends of Education Award and NAESP Conference Incentive Scholarship have no nominees. Pat asked if an extension should be put on these awards? Brenda suggested that the deadline be extended. Lance agreed as did the rest of the board. Pat suggested a February 28th deadline for those two awards.

8. Updates from the Regions – *Regional Directors*

Stacy reported that her region has met three times with another meeting scheduled for the end of the month. She likes the UberConference platform.

Courtney reported that her region met in the fall in Lewistown. She also wants to use UberConference for her next meeting.

Shelley reported that her next meeting is February 20th and will include four presentations. She has had one video conference with success.

Tad - no report. Currently holding his region meeting.

Steve Fanning reported that they held a good meeting in the fall and are looking forward to a good spring meeting.

9. What's on Your Mind...

Pat asked members to send names of retirees to Jon Konen. Bruce asked for names of retirees also. Kirk asked how the directors feel about this type format for meetings. The directors feel that this was productive and would like to continue with this format.

Shelley asked if a list of members registered for the conference could be shared. Pat will share this list. Brenda suggested that when directors are reaching out to members and find that someone is not attending the conference to ask why. This data will help with future conference planning.