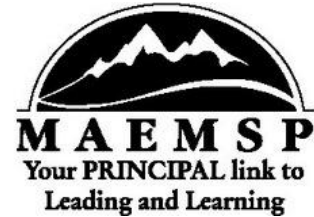


# MAEMSP Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Sunday, January 26, 2020

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Room 108



In attendance: Craig Crawford, Shelley Andres, Nicole Trahan, Pam Meier, Ben Lambert, Dick Trerise, Melinda Thompson, Kim Ray, Stacy Lemelin, Doug Baker, Teresa Sprague, Aaron Griffin, Damian Droessler, Barb Droessler, Marlin Lewis, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield

President Craig Crawford presiding. Craig called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM

## Agenda

1. Joint MAEMSP MASSP Board Meeting
2. Introductions
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda  
None noted.
4. Review of Minutes
  1. [MAEMSP Board Leadership Web Meeting Minutes 10-1-19](#)  
**Nikki Trahan made a motion to approve the minutes; Marlin Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. Old Business
  1. [MAEMSP Financial Report FY 2019-20 as of 12-31-19](#)  
Kirk reviewed the financial report. Craig asked why MAEMSP has the largest membership but the least amount of money in investments. Kirk stated that MASS has existed much longer than SAM has been an organization. MASSP has received more revenue from conferences over time than MAEMSP. MAEMSP has traditionally spent more money on member services. Kirk stated that conferencing is the main source for MAEMSP to build revenue as an organization.
  2. [MAEMSP Business Meeting 1-27-20 Agenda](#) Review  
Kirk reviewed the business meeting agenda.
6. New Business
  1. Appointment of MAEMSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative  
Craig stated that Bruce Whitehead is stepping down as the MAEMSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative. Craig has appointed Matt Lewis and the appointment has been approved by the SAM board.
7. President's Report – *Craig Crawford*
  1. [Membership](#)  
Craig reviewed the membership report, which is an all-time high. Craig asked board members to consider other potential members. Kirk stated that the personal contact from region directors has been effective. Kirk reviewed the [2019-20 Leadership Staffing Report](#) that reports the number of FTE principals in Montana. Kirk stated that the report also provides information that compares the number of employees/administrator with other Montana industries. Dick stated that supervising teachers are also a source for potential members.

8. President Elect's Report – *Shelley Andres*

Shelley thanked the SAM office for the help planning the conference. She asked board members to encourage attendees to use the conference app to complete evaluations for sessions they attend. Kirk stated that working with Shelley and Jake on conference planning has been great.
9. Vice President's Report – *Nikki Trahan*
  - a. Elections – Nominating Committee

Nikki will work with Ted Miller (who is considering a run for VP) to complete the Vice President application.
10. Past President's Report – *Pam Meier*
  - a. Awards

Pam asked for suggestions for ways to receive more award nominations. She asked region directors to pass the award nomination to their region members and encourage nominations. Nikki stated that she had difficulties choosing one of the award winners when the nomination letter did not match the rubric. Dave Wick stated that the NDP award is chosen differently in different states. The board would like to review the nomination process in the future. Craig stated that No Kid Hungry is presenting an award tomorrow and Governor Bullock will be in attendance.
11. State Representative's Report – *Kim Ray*

Kim reported that 55 Montanans attended the conference in Spokane. Revenue from the conference was down some from previous years. The next conference is in Louisville, KY. A joint conference with NASSP is being considered for 2024. Dave Steckler from ND is running for NAESP Vice President. She will send reminders to members to vote. Aaron and Marlin stated that they met Dave during their NDP experiences and feel he would be a great NAESP president. Kim asked board members to communicate the national benefits to members at their region meetings.
12. Federal Relation Coordinator's Report – *Stacy Lemelin*

Stacy reported that in late December the education appropriation bill was passed and included a \$1.4 billion increase in education funding. The President's budget should be released in Feb. She stated that two of Montana's three federal legislators spoke out against the Montana Constitution in the Espinoza case currently being heard by the US Supreme Court. Kirk stated that NAESP signed on to an amicus brief in support of Montana as well as all other national education organizations. Kirk will provide the SAM membership with a summary of the oral arguments that took place on January 22, 2020, when it is available
13. Region Director's Reports – *Regional Directors*
  - Western: Aaron reported that one meeting was held in the fall. The focus was on mental health. They had great attendance but would like Missoula and Kalispell principals to attend. Damian stated that some principals from large districts are not aware of the conference. Aaron feels there may be a positive change in principal involvement in Missoula with Rob Watson as the superintendent. Kirk suggested approaching the superintendents in those large districts. Aaron suggested speaking to the Missoula County Public Schools regional directors.
  - Southwest: Doug reported that he has not had responses from members to attend meetings. Craig stated that the majority of members are not taking advantage of the benefits MAEMSP offers.
  - Central - Teresa reported that one meeting was held in Great Falls. They discussed transitional kindergarten, intervention programs, and science curriculum. Kirk presented (via UberConference) and discussed the SAM strategic objectives (Leadership, Advocacy, Professional Learning) and SAM LPLP.

- Northeast - Mark reported that there has been a large turnover of principals in the region. He has held four meetings so far. They have discussed MTSS, four-day school week, and how to build a support network for new administrators.
- Eastern: Ben reported that one meeting has been held. They discussed dyslexia and kindergarten readiness. He hopes to have better attendance in the future.

#### 14. MAEMSP Representatives Reports

##### 1. SAM Board Representatives – *Barb Droessler & Marlin Lewis*

Marlin reported that META launched a Student Data Privacy Project, 126 members submitted SAM Needs Assessment survey, and 90 members are in SAM LPLP. Barb reported that the MCEC will be in Missoula in February. She asked board members to encourage their special education teams to attend. The MACSS spring conference is in Sidney April 21-22, 2020. Kim Ray asked board members to encourage award winners to attend conferences when they are being presented with an award.

##### 2. Middle School Representative – *Damian Droessler*

Damian reported that he has reached out to potential members, especially new administrators. He asked if teacher teams attended the pre-conference. Kirk stated that teacher attendance is higher this year with 19 teachers attending. Damian asked board members to send names to him of new principals and he will contact them.

##### 3. Retired Ad Hoc Representative – *Melinda Thompson*

Melinda reported that she would be happy to reach out to retired principals to encourage them to join MAEMSP to gain renewal units and stay current on education topics.

Dave mentioned that a state conference he attended hosts an event for retired members at the conference. Kirk suggested region directors reaching out to retired principals to attend region meetings.

##### 4. OPI Ad Hoc Representative – *Dick Trerise*

Dick reported that special education school funding issues were being discussed last week during legislative week. Several staff members have left OPI recently. He offered to attend region meetings, either virtually or in-person. Dick stated that he has been a member of SAM for 40 years and has been a member of five affiliates. He has watched the evolution of SAM over the years. He stated that Kirk is well respected and the power of SAM as an organization and its advocacy has grown because of Kirk's work in these areas.

##### 5. NAESP Report – *Dave Wick*

Dave stated that this is his 27th MAEMSP conference. He thanked everyone for the support he has received this year. He emceed the NDP event with Marlin and was happy to have Kirk attend. NAESP National Leaders Conference is in March. Joint sessions will take place with NASSP. He encouraged members to attend the NAESP conference in Louisville. Ruby Payne and Baruti Kafele will keynote the event. He reported that NAESP now has a mobile app that includes professional learning, including podcasts. He encouraged members to review the benefits available through their NAESP membership.

#### 15. Advocacy Update – *Stacy Lemelin & Kirk Miller*

Kirk referenced the Advocacy section of the Executive Director report. The call for resolutions and positions will be coming out soon. He referenced the federal issues on the SAM website

#### 16. [Executive Director's Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk referenced the report focusing on the META Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service project that manifested in the Montana Student Privacy Alliance (MTSPA) to assist members with online student data privacy and the DPHHS rule changes for healthy learning environments.

17. Upcoming [Board Meetings](#) and [Conferences](#) Schedule

The next board meeting is March 3, 2020 and will be a web meeting. The consensus of the board is that the web meetings are beneficial. Kirk thanked each board member for their dedication and the expertise they bring to the board.

Aaron asked what the SAM stance is on annual legislative sessions. Kirk stated that he is sure this will be a delegate assembly discussion.

Stacy stated that Kristen Souers and Pete Hall are presenting in Billings August 3-4, 2020 and that it would be great for teachers to attend. Stacy will provide information for Kirk to put in the SAM Friday Update.

18. Adjournment

**Marlin Lewis made a motion to adjourn; Stacy Lemelin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

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