



# MAEMSP Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Sunday, January 24, 2021

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

In attendance: Shelley Andres, Craig Crawford, Nicole Trahan, Ted Miller, Kim Ray, Stacy Lemelin, Teresa Sprague, Ben Lambert, Barb Droessler, Mark Goyette, Marlin Lewis, Becky Carlson, Kareen Bangert, Kirk Miller, Gary Wagner, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Julie Mickolio, Aaron Griffin

## Items for Discussion

*MAEMSP President, Shelley Andres, Presiding*

President Andres called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

1. Introductions
2. [MAEMSP/MASSP Joint Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 12-1-20](#)

Nikki Trahan made a motion to approve the minutes; Craig Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. MAEMSP Information and Topics of Discussion – *Shelley*
  - a. [2021 Montana Principals Conference](#) Update – *Nikki*

Nikki provided background information for the conference that begins tomorrow morning at 7:30. Kirk reviewed the awards presentation that will take place at the conference. Gary reviewed the process for logging in to the conference website. All information was sent in an email to attendees earlier today. Links to session recordings and resources will be posted on the Conference Landing Page following the conference.

- b. [MAEMSP Business Web Meeting Agenda 1-26-21](#) Review – *Shelley*

Shelley reviewed the business meeting agenda. The meeting will be accessed using the same link as the conference link. Kirk will provide a short SAM Update prior to the meeting that will include describing the COVID-19 Information for Schools and 2021 Legislative Session resources available to SAM members on the website.

- c. MAEMSP Awards Update – *Craig*

Craig reported that he will be prepared to honor award recipients during the conference.

- d. MAEMSP Retirees and Recognition Update - *Craig/Kareen*

Craig and Kareen reported that they do not have a report on retirees at this time. Retirees from 2019 and 2020 will be recognized during the conference.

- e. MAEMSP Elections Update – *Ted*

Ted stated that during the candidate forum at the Business Meeting he will introduce the candidate, Julie Hornby, who running for MAEMSP Vice President and remind members that

they will be receiving a ballot the following day. Elections will close on February 10th. Jessica Shourd is running for Western Director. Mark stated that he is working to recruit someone to fill the Northeast Director position.

f. Public Schools Week is February 22-26 – planning ideas discussion (social media toolkit possible idea to share sample messages/graphics: <https://learningfirst.org/social-media-toolkit>)

Shelley shared the Public Schools Week Social Media Toolkit. She encouraged board members to use the resources available and to share their story and guide the conversation to highlight and showcase all the great things going on in Montana public schools. Kirk added that this is the time of year, especially during the legislative session, that rallies for private education will take place at the capitol. He asked region directors to promote some of the ideas in the social media toolkit with their region members. Shelley asked other board members to assist region directors in sharing this information.

g. [MAEMSP Financial Report](#)

Kirk reviewed the financial report stating that the MAEMSP investments are doing well. Revenue and expenses are on track.

h. [MAEMSP Membership Report](#)

Kirk reviewed the membership report stating that the MAEMSP membership is at an all-time high with 372 members. SAM's membership (1093) is also at a historical high. He added that this year is SAM's 50 anniversary.

#### 4. Updates from Board Members

a. Executive Board – *Shelley, Craig, Nikki, Ted*

Reports were completed earlier in the meeting. Nicole added that she was happy with the new process that was created and implemented for the National Distinguished Principal award nominations and scoring. The same process will be used next year.

b. State Representative – *Kim*

Kim reported that the NASSP National Conference will be held in Chicago July 8-10. NASSP will refund registration fees if the conference ends up being cancelled. She reminded the board that Matt Lewis is the new Zone VII Director.

c. Federal Relations/Advocacy – *Stacy*

Stacy reported that the list of ESSER funds allocation and COVID relief funds is posted on the SAM website. She reminded board members that a description of federal issues important to education can also be found on the SAM website.

d. Regions – *Region Directors*

NE: Mark reported that the next region meeting is scheduled for the beginning of February.

SW: No report

NC: Teresa reported that she will plan the next region meeting is scheduled for February.

C: Ben reported that he promoted the conference to the region members. He will plan the next meeting in February.

W: No report

e. SAM Representatives – *Marlin, Barbara*

Barb reported that the mega issue at the last SAM Board meeting was extremely beneficial and included a discussion of the next steps administrators are planning for moving forward following the pandemic. Marlin reminded board members to pay attention to what is going on in the legislative session. Legislative session resources are available on the SAM website.

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

Becky reported that she promoted the conference to the middle school members in her region. Kareen suggested directing conference attendees, especially new members, to the SAM website so they are aware of the resources available to them.

Kirk stated that the OPI Representative position on the MAEMSP Board of Directors is vacant because Dick Trerise has retired. The OPI Representative is a non-voting member on the board. Kirk suggested that time should be allowed for the staff at OPI to settle in after the election before someone is asked to fill this vacancy. He asked board members to forward names to Shelley of former principals working at the OPI who may serve on the board.

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

Kirk referenced the SAM Update and the reports that are linked in the document. He invited board members to review the document.

6. Future Meeting Dates - [Board Meetings 2020-21 & Conferences 2020-21](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

7. What's on Your Mind...

Shelley thanked everyone for the hard work they put in to planning the conference. She is proud to be part of the board. Stacy and several other board members thanked Shelley for her service to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kimberly Scofield  
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