



MAEMSP Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Monday, January 24, 2022

12:00 – 1:15 pm

2022 Montana Principals Conference Bozeman GranTree Inn and [SAM](#)

[Zoom 1](#)

President *Nicole Trahan*, Presiding

President Trahan called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

Agenda

1. President Report – *Nicole Trahan*, MAEMSP President
 - [Membership Report](#)
Nikki reviewed the membership report stating that MAEMSP membership is ten members less than last year at this time. She encouraged members to reach out to potential members. Nikki also encouraged northeast region members to consider serving as the region director.
 - [MAEMSP Financial Report](#)
Nikki reviewed the report stating that MAEMSP is financially sound. Conference revenue will be shared with MASSP based on conference attendance.
 - [NAESP National Pre K-8 Principals Conference 2022](#) – July 15-17, 2022 Louisville, KY
Nikki encouraged members to consider attending the national conference. Eric Whitaker will be one of the main speakers.
 - [Proposed NAESP Dues 2022-23 Increase](#)
Nikki reported that NAESP dues will be increasing approximately \$20.
2. Consideration of [MAEMSP Business Meeting Minutes 1-26-21](#)
Stacy Lemelin made a motion to approve the minutes; Becky Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. New Business
 1. Consideration of [Amendment to MAEMSP Constitution Article III: Officers/MAEMSP Board](#)
Nikki described the rationale for the consideration of amending the constitution to extend the time period that a federal relations coordinator and state representative may hold office. This will provide more continuity for the officers.

Ted Miller made a motion to amend the constitution. Marlin Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. State Coordinator Report – *Kim Ray*, MAEMSP State Coordinator
Kim Ray encouraged members to attend the national conference in July. She reported that Matt Lewis has been elected as the NAESP Zone 7 director stating that it is exciting to have a Montana member in this position. The membership congratulated Matt.
5. Federal Relations Report – *Stacy Lemelin*, MAEMSP Federal Relations Coordinator
 - [NAESP National Leaders Conference 2022](#) – February 27 – March 2, Washington DC
Stacy reported that the MAEMSP officers will be meeting with Montana's congressional delegation in Washington in March. NAESP recently put out a study on the principalship and burnout. Margarite Rosa (Georgetown) reported on the tracking of ESSER Funds and mentioned

that Montana's tracking is different than other states. Stacy also reported that NAESP is focusing on universal Pre-K, IDEA, and teacher retention in rural areas.

6. MAEMSP Board Member Reports

MAEMSP Past President Report – *Shelley Andres*

Shelley encouraged members to invite principals to connect with MAEMSP. She asked members to mark their calendars to nominate candidates for awards when they see the nomination window open in November.

MAEMSP President Elect – *Ted Miller*

Ted reported that part of his role as MAEMSP President Elect is conference planning. He thanked the SAM office team for their help in planning the conference. He has enjoyed advocating for public education, social emotional learning, and encouraging focus on mental health support for principals. He encouraged members to take advantage of networking opportunities with colleagues during conferences and region meetings.

MAEMSP Vice President – *Julie Hornby*

Julie reported that applications have been submitted for MAEMSP Vice President, State Representative, Federal Relations Coordinator, and North Central Director. No applications were submitted for North East Director. Candidates will give a brief speech during this meeting. The SAM office will prepare the electronic ballots and send them to the MAEMSP membership for the VP and State Rep. elections. The North Central Director ballot will only be sent to the members from that region. Ballots will be open for 14 days and canvassed by the Executive Board. Ballots will go out on January 26th and close on February 9th.

Northeastern Director – *TBD*

Northcentral Director – *Theresa Sprague*

Theresa reported the membership discussed COVID issues at the last meeting. She has enjoyed learning from other principals during her time as Northcentral director.

Southwest Director – *Julie Mickolio*

Julie reported that a meeting will be held later in the spring. She has appreciated being part of MAEMSP and looks forward to continuing to grow as an administrator.

Western Director – *Jessica Shourd*

Jessica reported that the region members are looking forward to meeting in person. She stated that the Western region members contribute \$25/member to provide an aspiring principal scholarship to someone from the region.

Eastern Director – *Ben Lambert*

Ben reported that he has appreciated connecting with region members. A meeting will be scheduled to be held in person in April.

SAM Reps – *Marlin Lewis & Barb Droessler*

Marlin and Barb reported the following:

- SAM Needs Assessment Survey: encouraged members to complete the survey next December. Approximately 10% of the MAEMSP membership submitted a survey this year

- SAM Youth Endowment: encouraged members to submit nominations by March 4, 2022
- Hiring SAM Executive Director: the SAM Executive Board will be interviewing applicants soon. The process is confidential.
- SAM Delegate Assembly: June 9-10, 2022 in Helena
- SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program: 55 members currently participating
- Membership Dues: SAM is considering a dues increase since membership fees have not increased in ten years
- SAM Administrators Institute: scheduled for July 25 - 27, 2022 in Helena
- Barb encouraged members to thank the administrators in their district (tech directors, special education directors, etc)

OPI Rep – *TBD*

Retiree Rep – *Dr. Kareen Bangert*

Kareen asked members to report the names of members who are retiring so MAEMSP can work to keep retired members connected with MAEMSP.

Middle School Rep – *Becky Carlson*

Becky invited middle school principals to the Boom discussion later today.

7. [SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*, SAM Executive Director

Kirk reviewed the goals of the SAM Strategic Plan. His report focused on the following:

- SAM Members participated in Chapters 55, 57, and 58 task forces working to make policy recommendations to the state superintendent who then makes recommendations to the Board of Public Education. The state superintendent's recommendations include several line items that differ from the task force recommendations. SAM has worked diligently to support the task force recommendations and to provide comment to the Board of Public Education.
- SAM Delegate Assembly: Kirk thanked Matt Lewis for serving as the Zone 7 director and emphasized how important this is for Montana and MAEMSP. He encouraged members to reach out to Matt Lewis or to the SAM office if they are interested in serving as a delegate or in creating a resolution to be brought to the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee. More information will be sent to all members in the near future.
- Professional Learning: Kirk praised Nikki, Ted, and MASSP President, Shawn Hendrickson, for their work to plan an outstanding conference.
- SAM Organization: Kirk reported that the financial status of SAM has never been better. He announced that he will be retiring on June 30, 2022, and will serve as a consultant for six months.

8. MAEMSP Board Election and Candidate Forum – *Julie Hornby*

The following candidates addressed the membership:

- a. Vice President:
 1. Barb Droessler, Target Range Elementary
 2. Mark Goyette, Lockwood Schools
 3. Roxie Benjamin, Fort Benton Schools
- b. State Coordinator
 1. Kim Ray
- c. Federal Relations Coordinator
 1. Stacy Lemelin

9. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.

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

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