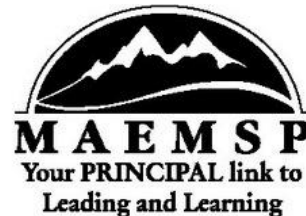


# MAEMSP Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Monday, January 26, 2021

10:00 – 11:00 am

Virtually through the SAM Website



President Andres called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM.

## Agenda

President Report – *Shelley Andres*, MAEMSP President

- Recognition of Special Guests

No special guests were in attendance.

- [Membership Report](#)

Kirk Miller reviewed the membership report stating that the MAEMSP membership is at a record membership with 372 members. SAM's membership (1100) is also at a record membership. Shelley thanked everyone for being a member and those who have worked on adding members.

- [MAEMSP Financial Report](#)

Kirk Miller stated that MAEMSP is represented by Shelley Andres on the SAM Investment/Finance Committee. He reviewed the financial report stating that MAEMSP's finances are on track for this time of year.

Consideration of [MAEMSP Business Meeting Minutes 1-27-2020](#)

Nicole Trahan made a motion to approve the minutes; Marlin Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

State Coordinator Report – *Kim Ray*, MAEMSP State Coordinator

Kim reported that Matt Lewis is the new Zone 7 director. She encouraged members to congratulate Matt on this appointment. This is NAESP's 100th anniversary. Kim encouraged members to attend the national conference in Chicago in July. NAESP is currently planning a face-to-face conference.

Federal Relations Report – *Stacy Lemelin*, MAEMSP Federal Relations Coordinator

Stacy reported that the Federal Issues webpage on the SAM website is kept current. She encouraged members to review the ESSER II Funds distribution and the COVID-19 relief package information that is on the [COVID-19 Information for Schools webpage](#) on the SAM website. She invited members to watch for legislative updates coming from SAM and participate in legislative efforts. Shelley encouraged members to tell the positive story of what is happening in Montana's public schools.

MAEMSP Board Member Reports

MAEMSP President Elect – *Nicole Trahan*

Nicole thanked everyone for attending the conference. She encouraged attendees to complete the evaluation forms.

MAEMSP Vice President – *Ted Miller*

Ted thanked everyone who helped to plan an outstanding conference.

Northeastern Director – *Mark Goyette*

Mark reported that the NE region members have met twice and will meet again in February. The group has discussed the struggles associated with quarantining, the social/emotional well being of students and staff. He encouraged NE members interested in serving as the region director to please contact Nicole Trahan.

Northcentral Director – *Teresa Sprague*

Teresa thanked the planning committee for the fabulous conference. The group discussed COVID procedures during the fall meeting. Another meeting will be planned for February. Teresa would like to discuss best practices for sharing data with staff during the next meeting.

Southwest Director – *Julie Mickolio*

No report.

Western Director – *Aaron Griffin*

Aaron reported that region members will meet again in the spring via Zoom. The members have relied on their network of principals to get through the pandemic. Aaron stated that he will be stepping down as the Western Region Director after four years.

Eastern Director – *Ben Lambert*

Ben reported that a meeting was held in the fall and another meeting will be scheduled for February. They will discuss moving forward and how to get back to normal after the pandemic. He thanked the conference planning committee for a great conference and format.

SAM Reps – *Marlin Lewis & Barb Droessler*

Marlin invited members to review the SAM Needs Assessment Survey results that can be found on the SAM website. Barb encouraged members to review the resources available on the SAM website and to reach out to the SAM office or any SAM Board member for anything they need. She also invited members to attend the SAM Administrators Institute in July.

OPI Rep – *TBD*

Retiree Rep – *Dr. Kareen Bangert*

No report.

Middle School Rep – *Becky Carlson*

Becky thanked the conference planning committee for a great conference. She also congratulated Pam Meier for being selected as the National Distinguished Principal. Becky stated that her goal is to reach out to middle school principals in the state and report their needs back to the MAEMSP Board. She asked members to send her names of new middle school principals.

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

Kirk provided the SAM Update prior to the meeting.

New Business

1. [NAESP National Pre K-8 Principals Conference 2021](#) – July 8-10, 2021 Chicago, IL
2. MAEMSP Board Election and Candidate Forum – *Ted Miller*

Ted reviewed the election process stating that MAEMSP members will receive an electronic ballot tomorrow, Wednesday, January 27th. Western MAEMSP members will also receive a ballot for region director. Ballots will close Wednesday, February 10th.

Julie Hornby introduced herself and described her intentions for serving as an officer of MAEMSP.

Additional Thoughts:

Aaron Griffin stated that he is proud of Montana principals. Nicole Trahan thanked Shelley for her service as MAEMSP President. Shelley thanked all members for attending the conference and the business meeting. She encouraged them to reach out to her or another board member if they need anything.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.

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