

# MASSP Board Leadership Web Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

10:00 – 11:00 AM

[UberConference](#)



In attendance: Peter Hamilton, Jake Haynes, Justin Helvik, Dustin Gordon, Sheri Heavrin, Shelly Weight, K. J. Poepping, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield, Gary Wagner

Not in attendance: Shawn Bleth, Joel Graves, Shawn Hendrickson

## Items for Discussion

1. Approval of [MASSP Board Meeting Minutes 1-27-19](#) [Action]  
**Jake Haynes made a motion to approve the minutes; Justin Helvik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Old Business
  - a. Montana Principals Conference 2019 update – Peter
    - [Evaluation](#)  
The evaluation indicates a majority of positive comments. The board feels the conference was a huge success.
    - [Profit/Loss Breakdown](#)  
Based upon the attendance of the conference, the profit and loss from the conference will be split MASSP (34%) and MAEMSP (66%).
  - b. Revisions to [MASSP ODR Handbook](#) (clarification of NASSP National Leaders Conference)  
Peter clarified that the term for MASSP Board members is May - April.
  - c. MASSP Vice President Election Results  
Shawn Hendrickson was elected as MASSP Vice President. He will assume his position in May.
3. New Business
  - a. Consideration of [MASSP Membership Dues](#)  
Kirk referenced the MASSP Membership Dues proposal.  
**Dustin Gordon made a motion to keep MASSP dues the same as is 2018-19; Shelley Weight seconded the motion.**  
Discussion: Peter asked if the dues would need to be increased in order to send another officer to the National Advocacy Conference. Kirk stated that the dues could be increased or MASSP could attempt to bring in more revenue from the Montana Principals Conference.  
**The motion passed unanimously.**
  - b. Consideration of [MASSP Budget 2019-20](#)  
Kirk referenced the MASSP Budget 2019-20 proposal.  
**Shelley Weight made a motion to accept the MASSP Budget 2019-20; Justin Helvik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- c. Consideration of [NASSP Digital Principal of the Year \(Application – Deadline April 30, 2019\)](#)  
Kirk reviewed the application process and asked that board members nominate a principal
- d. Region Director Elections ([Rotation Schedule](#))  
Kirk reviewed the rotation schedule. He stated that Region III could confirm that Sheri is elected to continue as the region director. Sheri stated that Region III will be meeting next week and conduct an election. Shelly stated that she was elected in October as the Region VI director. The region will conduct an election this spring.
- e. Consideration of Reorganization Meeting the first week of May  
Kirk explained that the benefit of a reorganization meeting is for the new board members to meet with the current board members to create a smooth transition moving forward. Kirk suggested a 2-3 hour meeting the week of May 6, 2019. Dustin stated that finding a three hour block of time in May is difficult. Peter asked if the meeting could take place in June before Delegate Assembly. Peter thought this could be a web meeting in May, but a face-to-face meeting in June. Because it is difficult to find a time that all board members can meet, it was decided to have a new board orientation instead this year and consider a reorganization meeting next year.
- f. MASSP Constitution Revision for Elected Officers Term
  - [Constitution](#): Section 5 (f) Terms of office will begin immediately after election.
  - [ODR](#): Term - One Year - May through April
- g. Montana Principals Conference 2020 – *Jake*  
Jake stated that the conference will be held at Fairmont in January 2020. He and Shelley Andres (MAEMSP) are still planning a theme and researching possible speakers. Jake asked the board for feedback and suggestions.

#### 4. [Advocacy Update](#)

- a. NASSP Advocacy Conference Update – *Paul and Jake*  
Jake stated that his takeaway from the conference was that principals need to continue to tell their school’s story. The Montana principals were unable to meet with legislators but did meet with staff members while in Washington DC.
- b. Federal Advocacy Update – *Paul*  
Kirk stated that this is National Public Schools Week. (March 25 - 29)

#### 5. [Legislative Update](#) – *Kirk*

Kirk referenced the legislative updates and weekly podcasts on the SAM website. He stated that a call to action went out yesterday to oppose HB 755 due to the bill providing public funds to be used for private education. The bill also undermines the constitutional authority of the Board of Public Education. Kirk would like to see the language from HB 225 (the original preschool bill) to be implemented instead.

#### 6. Membership Report – *Gary*

- a. Membership Drive Update  
Kirk reminded members to check with their district clerks to be sure their membership is updated. He asked that members share this information at region meetings.

#### 7. Updates from the Regions – *Regional Directors*

- Region 1 Shawn Hendrickson – St. Ignatius

Peter reported that he and Shawn are working on finding a region director since Shawn was elected as MASSP Vice President.

- Region 2 Dustin Gordon – Fairfield  
Dustin reported that they have had 25 applicants for two scholarships.
- Region 3 Sheri Heavrin – Broadwater - Townsend  
Sheri reported that a meeting will be held next week. They have enjoyed rotating meeting locations and have had great speakers at the meetings.
- Region 4 Shawn Bleth – Malta
- Region 5 Shelly Weight – Forsyth  
Shelly reported that they have been discussing professional development ideas and ways to get members involved.
- Region 6 K. J. Poepping – Shepherd  
K.J. reported that a speaker from Red Lodge spoke about mental health issues at the last meeting. Next meeting is planned for April 15th.

8. Professional Learning 2019-20

- a. [SAM Administrators Institute 2019](#) – July 29-31 – Helena  
Kirk asked that directors share this information with members in their region and to bring their administrative team to the conference.
- b. [SAM LPLP 2019-20](#)  
Kirk stated that the SAM Executive Board approved the continuation of the program. Kirk asked that directors share this information with members in their region.
- c. [MCEL 2019](#) – October 16-18 – Billings  
Kirk shared the MCEL 2019 information.

9. What's on Your Mind...

Peter stated that he will contact each director individually to see if they are planning to participate in Delegate Assembly in June. He asked directors to find someone from their region to attend in their place if they are unable to participate. Kirk stressed the importance of MASSP having their full delegation at the table when the advocacy priorities are being prepared.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectively Submitted,  
Kimberly Scofield  
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