

# MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

In attendance: Mike Perry, Alex Ator, Gregory Dern, Rick Duncan, Tobin Novasio, Nate Olson, Tom Stack, Kirk Miller, Pat Audet, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Cal Ketchum, Loren Dunk, Heather Davis-Schmidt, Bart Hawkins, Scott Chauvet, Renee Rasmussen

## Items for Discussion

Mike Perry called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM

1. [MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 9-4-18](#)  
[MASS Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes 9-16-18](#)

Rick Duncan made a motion to approve the 9-4-18 minutes; Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Stack made a motion to approve the 9-16-18 minutes; Alex Ator seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. MASS Info and Topics of Discussion – *Cal*

- [MASS/MCASE Fall Conference 2018](#) Review

Tobin pointed out that the venue was much better, less cramped. Mike stated that the presentations were good for the most part; the OPI SPED was not what it was advertised to be. Mike discussed doing away with the Native American Caucus during Class size caucus. Alex and Tom liked that the caucus was more scripted and that there was a Google doc available for notes. [LINK](#) to 2018 Conference Evaluation that was done through the Conference App. Kim reported that 31 evals (37%) were completed last year but those were full evaluations, unlike this year where participants can rate separate sections and presentations. Mike stated that we should continue the app and push the use. All agreed and that at the beginning of the conferences everyone pulls out their phone and are walked through setting up the app. Cal did do this, however, did not request participants to pull their phones - a power point is set up for this but could not be put up for the audience.

- [MASS Membership](#) – *Pat*

Pat referenced the 1st Quarter Membership Report. As of today, MASS membership is at 220 members. Approximately 11 memberships may still possibly still come in. Pat urged board members to encourage retired members to join MASS. Rick asked if LPLP Providers are members. Pat confirmed that all Providers are SAM members and they pay their own membership fee. Kirk stated that this is a requirement of their independent contractor status.

- [MASS Fall Conference 2019 Location and Date](#)

Sept. 15 - 17, 2019 is not available in Bozeman, however, the following week is available. Sept. 15 - 17, 2019 is available in Helena. Tom suggested keeping the conference in Bozeman but moving it to Sept. 22-24, 2019. Tobin stated that the ACE training is scheduled Sept. 22, 2019. A meeting with the MCASE Board will follow this discussion. Kirk stated that hotel rates are a bit more expensive in Helena. Alex Ator made a motion to hold the conference at the Best Western in Bozeman September 22-24, 2019; Nate Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1 (Novasio).

3. MASS Strategic Plan

- [MASS Incentive Plan Google Sheet](#)

Kirk referenced the document and asked if there was input from region members. Rick asked who would keep track of the data. Alex suggested that individuals complete their own form and track their points. Tobin doesn't feel members will take advantage of the incentive. Tobin suggested that a shared Google doc between region directors and the SAM office could be used to track attendance at meetings and conferences.

Tobin made a motion to accept the incentive plan as written; Nate Olson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Tobin would prefer two levels.

Tobin amended the motion to change the incentive plan to 15 points for Silver and 20 points for Gold. Tom Stack seconded the motion. The amendment passed unanimously.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

- [MASS Directory of Expertise Google Sheet](#)

Mike encouraged directors to refer to this at regional meetings.

4. [MASS Representative on the AASA Governing Board Election Process](#)

Mike stated that Leland Stocker resigned from his position. Kirk referenced the election process. Tobin stated that the process is very transparent, which he appreciates. The notice will go out to MASS members tomorrow.

5. Consideration of AASA Governing Board Members Service Ex Officio on MASS Board of Directors

Kirk stated that a request was made of Cal by Laurie Barron to expand the MASS Board of Directors. Kirk asked that board members consider the cost of adding more board members and the process of revising the MASS bylaws. Rick asked if it could be an expectation to have these board members attend a certain number of meetings each year to report on the work of the AASA governing board and the AASA executive committee. Kirk stated that these positions would be non-voting (ex-officio) board members. Kirk stated he feels this would be positive to help keep the MASS board aware of the work of these boards.

Rick Duncan made a motion to move forward with expanding the MASS Board of Directors; Tom Stack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. [Advocacy Issues](#) – Rick

- [Delegate Assembly - recommendations](#) for SAM Business Meeting on 10-19-18

Rick stated that the SAM membership will be voting of the advocacy package at the SAM business meeting on 10-19-18.

- Preparation for the 2019 Legislative Session – [SAMLN19 formation](#)

The SAMLN19 formation communication will go out to affiliate board members on Monday after the advocacy package is approved at the SAM Business Meeting. Rick will announce this at the meeting.

- [Federal Issues](#)

Rick stated that Kirk sent a letter to the IRS last week describing [SAM's position](#) on vouchers. He also stated that he is not expecting a decrease in Title funding.

7. Updates from the Regions – *Regional Presidents*

None

8. Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities – *Kirk*

- [MCEL 2018](#) – October 17-19

Kirk stated that all members are invited to the MTSUIP/WCRRP breakfast before the SAM Business Meeting on 10-19-18. He described the virtual track sessions that will be live-streamed. Kirk will email board members how to log in to view the virtual track.

- [SAM LPLP](#)

9. What's on Your Mind...

Discussion: Tobin asked if Kirk had heard if one PIR day will be required by OPI to be designated as school safety. Kirk stated that this was presented by OPI to the Education Interim Committee. The MASS board members stated that they are not in support of this designation. Rick asked if this is a legislative issue or BPE issue. Kirk stated it should be a BPE issue, but OPI has added this to their [OPI Legislative Priorities](#). The priorities of OPI's platform include student privacy, student safety, allowing sharing of student information in the best interest of the child, and smoothing out the outliers in the distribution of the BASE payments. Rick stated that the discussion about school safety should focus on local control and not around disagreement.

Next MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month – 11-20-18, **9:00 - 10:00 AM**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kimberly Scofield  
Communications Specialist