

# MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

UberConference



In attendance: Cal Ketchum, Tobin Novasio, Tom Stack, Loren Dunk, Bart Hawkins, Scott Chauvet, Alex Ator, Rick Duncan, Pat Audet, Kim Scofield, Kirk Miller at 9:45 am

Absent: Mike Perry, Heather Davis-Schmidt, Nate Olson, Renee Rasmussen, Greg Dern

## Items for Discussion

### 1. [MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes](#) 10-16-18

Rick Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes; Tobin Novasio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Day of Advocacy 2019 and MASS Spring Conference 2019 – March 18-19  
Cal provided an overview of the Day of Advocacy on March 18th and the caucuses that will be held on March 19th.
- CoSN Survey of Superintendents who have served as a Chief Technology Officer  
Pat provided background information about the survey. Four superintendents have served or currently serve as the chief technology officer for their district.
- Election of MASS Representative on the AASA Governing Board  
Cal congratulated Tobin Novasio for being elected to this position.
- [MASS Membership](#) – Pat  
Pat stated that MASS currently has two members more than last year. SAM membership is currently at 1019 members. Tom stated that an administrator who is not a MASS member attends regional meetings. He asked how other members feel about this. Cal stated that he has encouraged these administrators to become members of MASS. Rick suggested a phone call from the regional president to these individuals encouraging membership. Pat stated that communicating the fact that regional meetings are a member benefit is important. Alex suggested keeping this a collegial group as some nonmembers would possibly be a member if they were in a different district. Loren plans to have members sign in to meetings.
- Negotiated Rule Making on all Hazard Emergency Planning Fiscal Survey  
Pat sent board members an email with a link to the survey.

### 3. MASS Strategic Plan

- MASS Member Awards System 2018-19 – [Google Sheet](#)  
Pat stated that the SAM office can keep track of the points for each MASS member. He asked regional presidents to send their regional meeting attendance to SAM. Pins will be awarded at the Fall MASS Conference. Pat suggested replacing Region President with MASS Board Member, adding SAM Legislative Network member, and adding SAM Board Executive Officer. **The board members agreed to replace Region President with MASS Board Member, allowing two points for Legislative Network members, and two points for SAM Board Executive Officers.** Scott suggested having an open category. Tom stated that some districts will not allow administrators to participate in other opportunities. Tobin would like to see this as an award to encourage MASS and SAM participation and not incorporate an open category. Pat

will proceed with the point system as decided. Pat asked that regional presidents send region meeting attendance from September - May to the SAM office.

4. Consideration of [MASS Constitution Revisions](#) - AASA Governing Board and Executive Committee Members Serve Ex Officio on MASS Board of Directors [Action]
  - Pat reviewed the MASS Constitution revisions as highlighted and emphasized that it is stated in Article IV that 7 board members must be present at the spring MASS Business Meeting in order to have a quorum.  
**Tom Stack made a motion to accept the addition of MASS representatives on the AASA Governing Board and AASA Executive committee serve on the MASS Board of Directors as non-voting members; Scott Chauvet seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. [Advocacy Issues](#) – Rick
  - [2019 Legislative Session](#)

Rick stated that SAM has 6 positions and 12 resolutions that require action. He encouraged members to read Section E of the Governor’s budget. He pointed out that the NRD payment is not in the budget, but early education funding is. He stated that the first education bill (HB 27) has been drafted in the legislature and focuses on special education funding. MT-PEC priorities follow closely with SAM priorities. OPI has a school safety priority which includes a mandated PIR day for school safety. Rick has communicated that SAM will most likely not support this. OPI also has a data sharing priority. Rick suggested that our members be prepared to talk to legislators during the Day of Advocacy. Cal asked if Rick knows about the possibility of a permissive levy for benefits for school employees. Rick feels that the taxpayers association will not approve that type of permissive levy. Tobin stated that he has spoken to his bus drivers about the fact that people are driving past bus arms daily. He would like to see cameras put on bus arms. However, he has been told that MT law does not enforce violations with evidence from cameras.
  - [Federal Issues](#)

Rick stated that he is thrilled that Senator Tester was re-elected as he has been a champion for education.
6. Updates from the Regions – Regional Presidents

**West:** Tom stated that OPI is being petitioned for a district to leave one co-op to join another. Rick stated that he has been working on this situation. Bart stated that he understands that the geographical boundaries are set and cannot be changed. Rick stated that only the state superintendent can change the boundaries. Tom asked about MCA 13-15-401 which focuses on canvassing elections within 14 days and MCA 20-20-416 which focuses on a board of trustees certifying an election within 15 days. He asked if anyone knows why this is 14 day day deadline for the counties. Kirk stated that this topic has been part of a legislative discussion for several years. He suggested Tom discuss this issue with the Legislative Services Division or the Legislative Fiscal Division. He also suggested that Tom discuss the issue with a contact from OPI as it would be a great role of the state office for someone from OPI to approach the state divisions with the issue.

**NorthCentral:** Loren stated that SWMSS attended their last meeting as well as a principal from Conrad discussing their “Happiness” program.

**Hi-Line:** Bart stated that he would like to have legislators attend the December meeting. Kirk attended the November meeting as did the new provost from MSU-Northern to discuss the university's teacher education program.

**4Rivers:** Scott stated that a representative from MSU attended the last meeting to discuss Innovation Roadshow as well as SWMSS and an OPI representatives.

**SouthCentral:** Alex stated that they are moving their meeting location to the Windmill. Kirk attended the last meeting as well as Dennis Parman. Dianne Burke and SWMSS will attend the next meeting.

**NorthWest:** Cal stated that local legislators will attend the next meeting.

7. Professional Learning Opportunities – Kirk

- [MCEL 2018 Review](#) – October 17-19
- [SAM LPLP](#)

8. What's on Your Mind...

Rick stated that he is willing to attend region meetings to provide an advocacy update.

Next MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting scheduled for 3rd Tuesday each month – 12-18-18, 9-10 am

Respectfully Submitted,  
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