



## MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

9:00 – 10:00 am

In attendance: Dr. Greg Dern, Dave Wick, Cal Ketchum, Elliott Crump, Dan Schmidt, Allison Evertz, Nick Schumacher, Rick Duncan, Scott Kinney, Dr. Mike Perry, Thom Peck, Hannah Nieskens, Tobin Novasio, Laurie Barron, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield, Marcus Meyer

Not in attendance: Casey Klasna, Tony Warren

Dr. Dern called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

### Items for Discussion - MASS President Dr. Greg Dern, Presiding

1. Consideration of [MASS Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes 4-12-22](#) [Action]

Cal Ketchum made a motion to approve the minutes; Elliott Crump seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Elections and Appointments 2022-23 Update – *Dr. Greg Dern*

- Region Presidents elections

Dr. Dern reviewed the roster of region presidents to date that is posted on the MASS Board Meetings webpage.

- President-Elect election

Dr. Dern welcomed Dale Olinger as the new MASS President-Elect.

- [2022-23 MASS Board Roster w Contact Info](#)

- MASS Regional Superintendents of the Year 2022

Dr. Dern asked region directors to email the candidates for their region to the SAM office.

- Delegates for Delegate Assembly appointments

Dr. Dern asked region presidents to email the names of delegates and alternates for their region to the Kirk.

- AASA Governing Board Seat opening and process [Update](#)

Dr. Dern reported that the updated ballot was emailed to all MASS members. The ballot closes on May 19 and the results will be announced on May 23.

3. MASS [Regional](#) Information and President Reports

- [MASS Election Rotation Schedule as of 5-6-22](#)

- MASS Region President Updates – *Region Presidents*

- North East: Dan reported that he will continue to serve as the region president. The region members met in person for the last meeting with more members in attendance than during virtual meetings. The region members will continue to meet in person next year. Dr. Smeby, MSU Northern, provided information about the college's teacher recruitment and retention efforts.
- Western: Scott reported that the following presentations were provided at the last meeting: Bea Kaleva - legal update, Dani Smith – UM student teaching information, Julie Murgel - OPI update, Shawn Graham - TRS update, Angela McLean - MUS college access portal, Rachel Dixon - AP summer training for teachers, Jeff Liberty - BetterLesson professional development platform, Kelly Romanovicz & Katie Branson from E-Therapy - online teletherapy
- 4-Rivers: Hannah reported that Susie Hedalen gave a Board of Public Ed presentation (the presentation is posted on the MASS Region Information webpage), Rick Duncan - SAM Delegate Assembly process review, Shawn Graham - TRS update (presentation posted on the MASS Region Information webpage). The next meeting will include Jason Neiffer - Montana Digital Academy, Tricia Siefert - MSU proficiency education for pre-service teachers, and a representative from MSU discussing the MSU Yellowstone Writing Project.
- North Central: Elliott reported that CI-121 discussion took place at the last meeting. The region members contacted legislators and lobbyists and learned that the initiative might not make it to the ballot due to a lack of funding.
- North West: Laurie reported that the region members continue to meet twice a month and will continue that schedule next year (one in-person meeting and one virtual meeting). Laurie announced that Amy Piazzola was nominated as the Regional Superintendent of the Year. Sharyl Allen was asked about the requirement for districts to complete the six-month update to COVID-19 Safe Return to School and ARP plans. Sharyl responded that the Safe Return to School plan is required to be submitted by June. Laurie has not heard back from Sharyl about the ARP plans. Laurie reported that all 15 of the vacant leadership positions in the region have been filled.
- South East: Nick reported that the May meeting is scheduled for next week. Stephen Schreibeis will serve as the region president next year. The Regional Superintendent of the Year and delegate and alternate for the region will be decided at the May meeting. Eastern Montana Mental Health will present at the meeting. Recruitment and retention continue to be an issue for the region and are currently proving to be more difficult than ever. The region members have also been discussing new trustee training.
- South Central: Allison reported that the region members discussed the Chapter 57 recommendations, Tobin gave a federal advocacy update, prayer on the football field was discussed during a legal update, Carol Phillips provided a CoSN update, and John Fitzgerald gave an MHSA update. Allison reported that Corey Austin will serve as the region's president next year.
- Central: Thom reported that the next region meeting will be held later today. The agenda includes Zach Hawkins – OPI update, Dennis Matthew – Children Literacy program, Angela McLean – Apply Montana, Jeff Liberty from Better Lesson – teacher coaching, and Doreen Heintz – RSVP Volunteer Program. Thom thanked board members for providing the professional development he has received this year from being on the board.

#### 4. [Advocacy Issues](#) Update– *Rick Duncan and Kirk Miller*

Rick reported that the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee will be meeting on May 16 to review one proposed position statement and five proposed resolutions as well as the current positions and resolutions. A new delegate orientation will be held prior to the caucuses on June 9. The full delegate assembly is scheduled for June 10. He invited board members to consider registering for the DaRud golf tournament on June 8.

#### 5. AASA Executive Committee and Governing Board Updates – *Tobin Novasio, Dr. Laurie Barron, Dr. Mike Perry, Cal Ketchum*

Tobin reported that he and Kirk attended the Governing Board meeting in San Antonio at which Dan Domenech announced his retirement from AASA. The hiring process will take place over the next few months

with the new person beginning in February. The Montana Governing Board members will attend advocacy meetings in Washington DC in July. Dr. Perry asked board members to communicate with the governing board members the issues that they would like presented to the Montana Congressional Delegation in July.

6. [MASS Financial Report with Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget](#) and [Membership](#) Update – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk presented the financial report stating that the Board approved the proposed budget at the last meeting. Kirk reviewed the membership report stating that membership for both MASS and SAM is a few members less than last year. He thanked the region presidents for their work to capture all potential members in their regions. Kirk reported that the 2022-23 membership renewal is underway. Marcus reported that approximately 75 members have renewed their membership so far. Laurie asked if it would be possible to consider including MCASE membership on district membership renewal next year. Kim stated that in the past this has not been possible due to the number of associations available for MCASE members to join. However, it may be possible next year as MCASE membership is now more simplified. After a discussion about members not always being aware of their membership type or if they have indeed completed their membership, it was decided that the SAM office will include the membership type of each member on the MASS Region Membership documents next year that are shared with region presidents and continue to keep the documents as up to date as possible.

7. [SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk reviewed the SAM Updated and focused on the following:

- SAM Strategy to Promote the Value Schools Bring to the Community: This strategy has led to the launch of a SAM effort (soon to be adopted by MT-PEC) to collect stories of innovation happening in school districts. The project, “Did You Know”...Telling Your Story of Personalized Learning and Innovations, includes a collection form that can be completed by administrators, teachers, trustees, business officials, etc - the education experts. The collected data will be disaggregated and used during the legislative session to describe the innovations taking place in Montana public schools.
- The Board of Public Education will be voting on the Chapter 57 recommendations on May 12. SAM will continue to closely watch the Chapter 55 and Chapter 58 process.
- Kirk asked region presidents to continue to encourage region members to register for SAM LPLP. He described the innovative updates to SAM LPLP that include the addition of The Source that will provide members with connections to national administrators.
- SAM AI - “Did You Know”...Telling Your Story, is scheduled for July 25 - 27 with focus zones that include Recruitment and Retention; Social, Emotional, Behavioral Health; Innovations in Education. Registration will be coming soon. He invited board members to consider submitting a presentation to be considered for SAM AI.

8. MASS Board Reorganization

- Recognizing outgoing board members – Casey Klasna (Past President), Nick Schumacher (SEMASS), Allison Evertz (SCMASS), Scott Kinney (WMASS), Cal Ketchum (AASA Governing Board).

Dr. Dern thanked outgoing board members for their leadership.

- Seating of new board members – Dale Olinger (President-Elect), Stephen Schreiber (SEMASS), Corey Austin (SCMASS), Jason Sargent (WMASS),

Dr. Dern welcomed new board members to the board.

- Recognition of outgoing President – Casey Klasna recognizes Dr. Greg Dern

Kirk thanked Dr. Dern for his leadership over the past year as MASS has continued to provide a regional support system for their affiliate members and the benefit this has on education across Montana.

- Seating of new President – Dr. Greg Dern introduces Dave Wick

Dr. Dern welcomed Dave as the new MASS President. Dave thanked the board for the opportunity to serve MASS. He thanked Kirk for his leadership of SAM.

#### 9. Future Meeting Dates

- [SAM Web Calendar & 2021-22 SAM Conference-Meeting Schedule & 2021-22 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting Schedule](#)
- [2022-23 SAM Conference - Meeting DRAFT Schedule](#)
- [2022-23 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting DRAFT Schedule](#) – Consider MASS Board Meeting schedule (check if Board Leadership Web Meetings work on the dates assigned)

Kim stated that the September 18 board meeting will be held in Bozeman prior to the fall conference. Board members agreed that they would like to move forward with the proposed meeting schedule.

#### 10. What's on Your Mind ...

#### 11. Adjournment

Scott Kinney made a motion to adjourn; Allison Evertz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM.