

MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM



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In attendance: Mike Perry, Cal Ketchum, Casey Klasna, Heather Davis Schmidt, Loren Dunk, Alex Ator, Tobin Novasio, Rick Duncan, Tom Stack, Scott Chauvet, Renee Rasmussen, Bart Hawkins, Darrin Hannum, Matt Jensen, Sean Beddow, Greg Dern, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Nate Olson, Godfrey Saunders, Matt Genger

Items for Discussion

1. [MASS Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes 4-16-19](#) [Action]
Tom Stack made a motion to approve the minutes; Bart Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. [Advocacy Update](#) – *Rick and Kirk*

- [2019 Legislative Session](#)

The following bills were discussed by priority:

- School Funding: HB 159, HB 638, HB 351, HB 387, SB 92
- Recruitment and Retention: HB 211
- Privatization with Public Funds: HB 755, SB 352
- Facility and Technology: HB 247, HB 652
- Mental Health: SB 267

More information can be found in the [SAM 2019 Legislative Session Summary Report](#), [SAM Priority Bills Final Report](#), [SAM Followed Bills Final Report](#), and [SAM Testimony Log](#). Kirk stated that MT-PEC is working on creating training around how administrators can implement the flexibility in funding provided through the session. The training will be offered at SAM AI.

- [Federal Issues](#)

Rick stated that Senator Tester has sponsored two bills dealing with Recruitment and Retention of educators, called NEST Act and REST Act. The MASS federal advocacy group will be meeting with Montana's Congressional Delegation in July in Washington DC.

3. President's Report - *Mike*

- MASS Fall Conference 2019 – September 23-24, GranTree, Bozeman

The conference will be held jointly with MCASE and will focus on mental and physical health for students, staff, and administrators. Mike asked board members to email him with ideas for sessions.

- **New Board Member Orientation** – Options: Friday 6/14 12:30-4:00 pm (after SAM Delegate Assembly) or UberConference for 1 hour on an agreed upon date before 6/14. Note: The 2018 New Board Orientation was on Thursday, June 7th 10:00 – 11:00

The New Board Member Orientation will be scheduled and communicated with board members.

4. President Elect's Report – *Casey*

- AASA State Leadership Conference Report

Casey reported that the conference was held in San Diego which is also the NCE 2020 location. Valuable information was provided by AASA leadership. The highlight for Casey was listening to Curtis Jones, AASA Superintendent of the Year. He encouraged board members to attend NCE 2020.

5. MASS Info and Topics – *Mike*

- [MASS Board of Directors 2019-20](#) ([MASS Board Rotation Schedule](#))

Kirk asked board members to email Kim with changes that need to be made to the MASS Board of Directors 2019-20 Roster.

- [MASS Regional Superintendents of the Year 2019-20](#)

Greg Dern is the Central MASS SOY.

- MASS Membership Report ([4th Quarter](#)) ([2019-20 1st Quarter](#))

Kirk referenced the 4th Quarter report noting the decrease in MASS State Only membership due to the new “Opt Out” change to membership applications. He also noted the increase in MASS membership for 2018-19. Mike thanked the region presidents for helping with their region membership renewals.

Kirk referenced the first look at Membership for 2019-20 indicating that the memberships are coming in sooner than in past years.

- Update region meeting attendance using [this google doc](#)
 - OPI Renewal Units

Mike reminded region presidents to update region meeting attendance by May 31st. OPI Renewal Units will be sent by the SAM office to each member based on their meeting attendance in June. Western and NorthEastern MASS have already provided renewal units to their members. They will complete the google doc so the SAM office will have the information for the MASS Recognition Award.

6. [Advocacy Issues - Delegate Assembly](#) – *Rick*

- [MASS Delegate Assembly Delegates and Alternates 2019](#)
- Call for resolutions completed by May 31st

Rick reviewed the resolution process that takes place through Delegate Assembly. New delegates must attend the new delegate orientation and their affiliate caucus. A steering committee meeting is scheduled for this week. Rick asked board members to contact Kirk or himself about possible resolutions. Sean Beddow will represent NE region, Greg Dern will represent Central, Scott Chauvet will determine the 4Rivers delegate and Mike will contact Nate Olson about the SE delegate.

7. Updates from the Regions – *Regional Presidents*

- Central: Greg reported that they are appreciative of the speakers that presented at the region meetings. He stated that the four graduating seniors from Roy are currently touring and having lunch at the Pentagon.
- West: Tom reported that recruitment and retention was discussed at the last meeting and Seth Bodnar, University of Montana President, was a guest speaker.
- SouthCentral: Alex reported that Rick gave a legislative summary and Cindy Maxwell presented about insurance at the last meeting. They discussed a group purchase of Reflex Protect.
- 4-Rivers: Scott reported that they voted on officers, discussed the legislative session, and SWMSS. He would like to work with Godfrey Saunders to increase next year's attendance.
- Hi-Line: Darin reported that Dennis Parman gave a legislative report. Bart reported that the teacher preparation program at MSU-Northern is increasing enrollment numbers for next year.

- NorthEast: Renee reported that they had great attendance this year and that the region is not seeing a tremendous turnover. Renee suggested looking at other region's agendas to get ideas for meeting topics. She stated that even with a \$39,000 starting salary and a \$2000 bonus they are still not getting applicants for teacher vacancies. Recruitment and retention remains a concern.
- NorthWest: Heather reported that they are focusing on health insurance and health care. She encouraged board members to find a Republican legislator to partner with Rep. Dave Fern to get healthcare legislation to pass the next session. The region is working with UM and FCC to plan a strategic governance seminar.
- NorthCentral: No report (Loren Dunk was present, but the UberConference was experiencing audio difficulties).

8. SAM Celebration Week Activities – *Kirk*

Kirk thanked MASS board members for serving on the board as great progress has been made this year. He reviewed the following June SAM activities:

- [DaRud Cup](#) – June 12
- SAM Board Meeting – June 13
- Evening of Excellence – June 13
- [Delegate Assembly](#) – June 13-14: Reminder - New delegates must attend the new delegate orientation and attend the caucus in order to vote at Delegate Assembly.

9. Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities – *Kirk*

- [SAM Administrators Institute 2019](#) – July 29-31

Kirk stated that SAM is working with MASBO to provide a track at SAM AI on July 29th to new superintendents and business officials (clerks).

- [SAM LPLP](#)

Kirk stated that the SAM LPLP Summit will take place on July 31st, the AASA Aspiring Superintendents CLN will continue, a new Tier II/Tier III Behavior CLN is being created, and the Transformational Learning CLN will continue.

- [MCEL 2019](#) – October 16-18 in Billings

Kirk stated that Jamie Volmer will be the keynote speaker.

10. What's on Your Mind...

Tom Stack informed the board about a new law that he has encountered that is requiring him to provide a pest control report, weed control report, radon and asbestos report for new construction. He hasn't heard of other districts needing to provide these reports.

For your reference: 2019-20 Calendars

- [2019-20 SAM Conference - Meeting Schedule](#)
- [2019-20 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting Schedule](#)

Next MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Scofield, Director of Member Services and Professional Learning