



# MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

9:00 – 10:00 am

In attendance: Casey Klasna, Greg Dern, Mike Perry, Alex Ator, Darin Hannum, Brad Moore, Scott Kinney, Elliott Crump, Nick Schumacher, Laurie Barron, Tobin Novasio, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Dan Schmidt, Rick Duncan, Godfrey Saunders

President Klasna called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

**Purpose:** To increase effective communication with MASS leadership to support regional meeting discussion of contemporary education issues

**Items for Discussion** - *MASS President Casey Klasna, Presiding*

1. Consideration of [MASS Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 5-19-20](#) [Action]  
Darin Hannum made a motion to approve the minutes; Nick Schumacher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Consideration of [MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes 7-28-20](#) [Action]  
Greg Dern made a motion to approve the minutes; Darin Hannum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Consideration of MASS/MCASE Fall Conference 2020 – September 21-22 Status [Action]  
Kirk recommended that the conference take place virtually.

Darin Hannum made a motion to hold the MASS/MCASE Fall Conference virtually; Brad Moore seconded the motion.

Discussion: Alex asked about the profit realized from the virtual SAM Administrators Institute. Kirk stated that the profit is approximately \$10,000 with \$12,000 being spent on speaker fees. Kirk stated that speaker fees for the MASS/MCASE conference could be less.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. MASS Superintendent of the Year [AASA Application Support](#) Discussion – *Tobin Novasio*  
Tobin stated that having been through the National Superintendent of the Year process he feels that Montana has candidates who could be finalists. In the past, the Montana Superintendent of the Year application has been submitted to AASA without review by a team or committee. Tobin suggested that a committee assist the Montana SOY to prepare their application before it is submitted to AASA. Laurie stated that a team assisted her in Georgia when she was selected as the Georgia Principal of the Year. Kirk stated that the SAM office will organize a team to work with the MT SOY once chosen after the Oct. 1 deadline.

5. Determine the AASA Virtual NCE Conference 2021 Incentive Award Process

Mike suggested suspending the award for the year since networking is part of the experience. Brad suggested continuing with the award if members want to participate. Alex recommended that receiving the award this year would not disclude members from applying to receive the award in the future. Tobin suggested that more scholarships could be offered depending on the registration fee for the virtual conference.

Matt Jensen made a motion to continue with the award choosing the number of recipients that the \$2000 budget will allow, and that recipients for this year will be eligible for the award in the future; Brad Moore seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. MASS School Board of the Year Award Process

Kirk stated that nominations are due by October 1, 2020 and will be awarded at MCEL.

7. Region President Updates – *Region Presidents*

Western: Scott reported that several meetings have been held with the majority of the discussions being around reopening. He stated that several counties are not adequately represented by their health departments and districts in these counties have not been receiving appropriate guidance. Region meetings have provided the opportunity for districts to discuss proper guidance and reopening strategies.

Northwest: Matt reported that meetings are held each Wednesday. Area superintendents have assisted local health departments to prepare phased reopening guidelines. Fall sports have also been a topic of discussion. The MTSBA direction on the MOA that was prepared with the teacher union that has put school boards in a difficult position has also been discussed. Because of this, some districts in the region are considering discontinuing their MTSBA membership. Many districts in the region will be reopening school with on-site instruction.

Northcentral: Elliott reported that region superintendents have been meeting regularly with reopening plans looking very similar for districts in the region.

Southeast: Nick reported that the weekly meetings have been beneficial. The region members have not decided if they will continue to meet virtually or in-person going forward. They are planning regional trainings that will include termination/evaluation and Title IX training. Most boards are meeting soon to decide reopening plans.

Northeast: No report

Hi-Line: Darin reported that the region members have been meeting weekly. He stated that most schools are planning to open with on-site instruction.

4Rivers: No report

Southcentral: Alex reported that the region members met a few times during the summer. Because the demographics in the region are extremely diverse, reopening plans will look different for each district. Region meetings will be held virtually through the end of December.

Central: Brad reported that the region plans to meet virtually every other week.

Casey thanked everyone for all they are doing in their regions.

8. [Coronavirus Impact on our Schools](#)
  - a. School Reopening Plans
  - b. Fall Activities Plans
9. Completing the [2019-20 MASS Regional Membership Monthly Meeting Log](#) to track meeting attendance for awarding the MASS Recognition pins. [2020-21 MASS Regional Membership Monthly Meeting Log](#)
10. Effective Use of [Regional](#) Communication Tools for 2020-21  
Kirk reviewed the resources available on the Coronavirus Impact on our Schools webpage and the MASS Regional Information webpage including the School Reopening Plans, the MASS Membership by Region, and the MASS Regional Membership Monthly Log. He asked region presidents to continue to keep these documents updated and encouraged them to use the MASS Regional Information webpage as a reference during regional meetings. All MASS members have access to the MASS Regional Information webpage.
11. [MASS Financial Report](#)  
Kirk reviewed the financial report.
12. [Membership Report](#) [2020-21 MASS Membership by Region](#) (Google Sheet)  
Kirk reviewed the membership report. Kirk encouraged region presidents to include retired members on the regional membership document as many retired members choose to continue their membership and their involvement in region meetings.
13. 2020-21 Professional Development Update – *Kirk Miller*
  - a. [SAM LPLP](#)  
Kirk reviewed the SAM LPLP registration.
  - b. [SAM AI](#)  
Kirk encouraged board members to inform region members that it is still possible to register for SAM AI and listen to the recordings of all 15 sessions and earn up to 15 Renewal units for their virtual professional learning.
  - c. [MCEL](#)  
Kirk stated that the SAM Board and SAM Business meetings will be held virtually on Oct. 14th.

14. [Advocacy Issues](#) – *Rick Duncan and Kirk Miller*
- a. Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [Upcoming](#)
  - b. [SAM Delegate Assembly 2020](#)
  - c. [Federal Issues](#) Update

Kirk invited Board members to review the resources.

15. AASA Governing Board Updates – *Tobin Novasio, Laurie Barron, Mike Perry*  
Tobin encouraged members to visit the AASA website and review the available resources.

16. Future Meeting Dates - [Board Meetings 2020-21 & Conferences 2020-21](#)  
Kirk reviewed the MASS Board meeting schedule.

17. What's on Your Mind ...  
Scott communicated his disappointment in the OPI/MHSA meeting that was held recently. He felt that good information was not presented. A proposal was made to move spring sports to fall. MHSA is not creating a plan but deferring to counties making decisions for their areas.

Casey encouraged members to continue to network and continue to reach out and support region members.

18. Adjournment  
Greg Dern made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kimberly Scofield  
Director of Member Services and Professional Learning