

MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes



Tuesday, July 28, 2020

12:00 n – 1:00 pm

Zoom at the [SAM Virtual AI 2020](#)

President *Casey Klasna*, Presiding

Agenda

1. Action Items

1. [Consideration of MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes 9-24-19](#)

Alex Ator made a motion to approve the minutes; Nick Schumacher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Proposed Revision to MASS Constitution to place AASA Governing Board and Executive Committee Members on the MASS Board of Directors (non-voting)

[Recommended Revision](#)

Kirk reviewed the proposed revision.

Cal Ketchum made a motion to revise the MASS Constitution as proposed; Dale Olinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. MASS President Report

Casey Klasna, MASS President

• MASS/MCASE Fall Conference – September 21-22, 2020

Casey stated that planning is moving forward for an in-person conference, realizing that a virtual conference may be necessary. The decision to go virtual or not will be made on August 12th at the MASS Board of Directors meeting.

• MASS Region Superintendents of the Year

Casey reviewed the region winners. The deadline for nominations is October 1st and the MT Superintendent of the Year will be chosen following that.

• MASS Board Web Meeting – August 12, 9:00-10:00 am (Zoom)

Casey stated that meeting information will be sent out closer to the meeting.

3. AASA National Conference on Education ([NCE](#)) 2020 Report

Dan Grabowska, Park City & Tom Stack, Clinton

February 13-15, 2020 in San Diego, CA

Dan thanked MASS for the opportunity to attend the national conference and described his experience.

4. Future AASA National Conference on Education (NCE) 2021 Report

Casey Klasna, MASS President & Greg Dern, MASS President Elect

February 18-20, 2021 New Orleans, LA

Casey stated that AASA announced that NCE will be a virtual conference. Information will be sent out from AASA.

5. AASA Governing Board/Executive Committee Report

Ron Whitmoyer, Tobin Novasio, Dr. Laurie Barron, Dr. Mike Perry

Tobin thanked Ron for his service to MASS on the AASA Governing Board/Executive Committee. He reported that Randy Russell from Washington was appointed to represent Region 1 on the Executive Committee. Tobin stated that the AASA Belief Statements have been revised. Teacher shortages, Perkins, REAP monies and poverty measurements, and the Espinoza case were all topics of discussion at the last meeting. Much of the legislative conference focused on COVID and relief funds, liability protections, homework gap, and broadband internet access.

Laurie stated that she is looking forward to serving on this committee and representing all Montana districts.

Mike thanked the Board for providing him with the opportunity to serve in this position. He looks forward to learning from others around the country. He appreciates the high level of leadership present in Montana.

6. [Advocacy Issues](#) Report

Rick Duncan, MASS Federal Relations Coordinator, DA Steering Committee Chair

- Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [Upcoming](#)
- [SAM Delegate Assembly 2020](#)
- [Federal Issues Update](#)
- [Espinoza vs. MT Dept of Revenue](#)

Rick reviewed the Delegate Assembly schedule and process. He also reviewed SAM's Advocacy priorities. He stated that two new position statements will be presented to the Delegates. The SAM membership will vote on the full advocacy package in October at the SAM Membership meeting.

Rick reported that the AASA Legislative Advocacy Conference was held virtually earlier in July. He felt the conversations with Montana's legislators were positive. Topics of discussion included disbursement of the COVID relief funds, school liability issues, closing the homework gap and e-rate funding, nutrition waivers, and ESSA accountability.

Rick reported that the Supreme Court ruled against the Montana Department of Revenue in the Espinoza decision. The ruling will have negative implications for public education and funding of public education in Montana. More to come on the status of the Espinoza decision and its impact on Montana schools through SAM's association with MQEC who is doing the legal followup on this SCOTUS ruling.

7. [SAM Update](#)

Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director

Kirk referenced the SAM Update that has been made available to MASS Members. He stated that the SAM Virtual Administrators Institute 2020 website will continue to be updated with resources and recordings of live sessions. Kirk referenced the COVID-19 Information for Schools webpage on the SAM website. The information is kept current as information is made available. He reviewed the MT-PEC prepared Guidance for Governor's CRF for Schools document and the flexibility afforded by current law which allows for funds to employ staff necessary to meet students' needs. He encouraged members to continue to regularly review the resources on the COVID-19 Information for Schools webpage as an update will normally only be sent to members on Fridays. Kirk invited members to continue to use the services that SAM and MASS provide.

8. Retiree Recognition Celebration ([Presentation](#))

Casey Klasna, MASS President

Casey thanked the retirees for the years of service to Montana education. The presentation was played and recorded. MASS members thanked Casey for his great work to put together the Retiree presentation.

9. MASS Years of Service Pins ([2019-20 MASS YOS Pins](#))

Dr. Mike Perry, MASS Past President.

Mike recognized the pin winners that were in attendance.

10. Outgoing President 2019-20 Award – *Presented to Mike Perry by Cal Ketchum*

Cal recognized Mike and thanked him for his service to MASS.

Cal Ketchum made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Laurie Barron seconded the motion. Passed by acclamation.

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