

MASS Leadership Team Meeting Notes 1-30-18

[UberConference](#) on **Tuesday, January 30 at 1:30 PM**

This web-based (UberConference) meeting is scheduled for 45 minutes

Attendance: Tobin Novasio, Cal Ketchum, Laurie Barron, Mike Perry, Heather Davis-Schmidt, Loren Dunk, Renee Rasmussen, Bart Hawking, Scott Chauvet, Teri Harris, Annette Hart, Nate Olson, Rick Duncan, Kirk Miller, Pat Audet, Kim Scofield

Absent: All present

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

Items for Discussion

1. [MASS Delegate Selection](#) - *Tobin*

Tobin asked for questions concerning Delegate selection. Laurie asked if Tobin is taking names for alternates. Tobin said he is. Rick suggested that Tobin find an alternate from each region. Kirk stated that June 7th is the final date to substitute an alternate for a delegate, but alternates need to be on the list by April 27th. Tobin edited the Google form and asked that each region supply one delegate and one alternate so MASS will have all ten possible votes at Delegate Assembly: one representative from each of the nine regions and Rick Duncan. Each region has a process for selection. Tobin asked for names as soon as possible.

2. MASS Retirees – *Cal*

Cal has received five responses from retirees, two of which do not want to be recognized. Jerry, Bill, Glenn, Jerry, Loyd. Plaques will be supplied to all five but only three presentations. Cal asked for anyone who knows of other retirees to send those names to him.

3. [ADA Web Compliance Resources and Potential Training](#) for Region Meeting Agendas – *Kirk and Pat*

Kirk provided background for the META Website Accessibility Project and showed the resources available to districts. Kirk asked that regional directors add this to their region meeting agendas and show the video located on the META Website Accessibility Project webpage. Pat suggested that district leaders look at the RANCH Rules and maintaining compliance. This information was a request of superintendents so we in the SAM office feel the best method for getting the information out is through MASS region meetings. Heather suggested the same type of thing be done for data governance. Rick asked if there is a model school website that has these tools up and running. Kirk said there is not, but the information is just being rolled out. Kirk has shared this information with Dennis Parman at MREA to help rural schools. Renee stated she has changed her agenda for tomorrow's meeting. She also mentioned that Glasgow has updated their site. Laurie stated that Evergreen is also in the process of updating their website for ADA compliance.

4. [MASS Regional Meeting Resources](#) and MASS Community Forum Uses and Demo – *Kirk and Kim*

- [UberConference Webinar Tool Instructions for MASS Regional Meetings 2017-18](#)
- **Office of Public Instruction - Monthly Reports for Regional Meetings**
- Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes – send to Kim
- Instructions on how to use SAM Community Forums - [Document](#) or [Video](#)
 - Communication resources knowledge and availability - Kirk discussed UberConference and its use for regional meetings. Kirk also explained that the OPI reports will be posted in one convenient place on the MASS Regional Information web page on the SAM site. Instructions on how to use Communities are also posted here as well.
 - To Scott's request, Kim will add her email to the Regional Information page so that they know who to send agendas and minutes to. Kim added that she does need to have due notice from region presidents who need to use Uber for their region meetings.
 - Kirk explained more on the Elist and what happens with using this format as compared to the Community Forum.
 - Kim explained the use of the Community Forums as Kirk showed the directives on the website. She also showed the HELP section for using these. She showed the MASS Forum as the example and how to use a community forum. Kim also explained embedding a link into the message and the use of bold and italics not showing, except for codes around it, at the time of writing a message but will show up to others once submitted.
 - Kim next explained how to post a new topic.
 - Kirk showed where the tutorial video is located.

5. [MASS Spring Conference](#) – *Tobin*

Tobin is planning the MASS Spring Conference and referenced the draft agenda. The beginning of the conference will be joint with META. Tobin mentioned that META and MASS members are welcome to visit breakout sessions from either the MASS or METAtchED conferences.

6. [Advocacy Issues](#) – *Rick and Kirk*

Rick stated that we currently have 39 Positions and 44 Resolutions that provide the priorities. Special Ed and Coop funding are embedded in the “Support Adequate and Equitable School Funding” priority. Rick is working on three new resolutions: 1) 6th - 8th CTE funding, potentially will be switched to 7th - 8th CTE. This would be a request for new funding. 2) Emergency authorization of employment. Does the emergency authorization designate tenure during the fourth contract? 3) Another similar topic: Licensing a counselor as an administrator. An administrator must have three years of classroom experience, but a counselor does not necessarily have this. 4) Special Education coop infrastructure funding. Rick asked that a delegate and alternate be designated from each meeting as soon as possible. Tobin stated that he may bring the utilization of permissive fund being used to secure an intercap loan forward as a resolution. Rick stated that there is more research needed on this topic.

7. Updates from the Regions – *Regional Presidents*

Bart recommended that OPI reps getting to the meetings is preferred instead of a digital connection. He asked if Kirk and Pat could assist in getting this message across to OPI. Kirk stated that he would again mention it to Tim Tharp at OPI.

8. What's on Your Mind...

Cal asked if another speaker could fit into the MASS Conference agenda? Tobin stated the agenda is full now, but if someone drops out it is possible.

Pat thanked the region presidents for member recruitment. MASS membership is up by five from last year - 221 compared to 216.

Kirk asked for feedback for continuation of this type of MASS Leadership meeting that could happen monthly. The leadership confirmed that they would like to continue this format.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM with most everyone staying on the call (even though the 2:45 PM concluding time had passed). Future agendas will be much shorter so the goal is to have the Leadership Meetings be 30-45 minutes long.