



# MONTANA COUNCIL of ADMINISTRATORS for SPECIAL EDUCATION

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## MCASE Board Meeting Agenda

Sunday, September 19, 2021 via video conference

6:00 - 8:00 pm

**President:** Sara Novak

**President Elect:** Taylor Salmi

**Past President:** Michelle Halberg

**Secretary:** Jenny Malloy

**Region Representatives:** Jennifer Hickock (Region I), Lisa Von Bergen (Region II), Chelsey Rogers (Region III), Jenny Malloy (Region IV), Tim Berg (Region V)

**MCASE Standing Board Members - Tamara Covington (Delegate Assembly Steering Committee), Christina Olstad (MCASE Rep to MCEC Board)**

### MCASE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING:

Present: Michelle Halberg, Jenny Malloy, Lisa Von Bergen, Chelsey Rogers, Sara Novak, Taylor Salmi, Christina Olstad, Jennifer Hickock, Kirk Miller, Marcus Meyer

Absent: Tim Berg

President Sara Novak called the September 19, 2021 Board meeting to order at 6:03 PM via virtual meeting through Zoom.

I. Welcome and Introductions –

II. Consent Agenda: Minutes Governing Board Meeting 4/14/2021, 6/18/21 (Motion/Discussion/Action)

Sara reviewed the meeting minutes from 4/14/2021. Michelle moved to approve the meeting minutes of 4/14, 2012. Lisa seconded the motion. Jennifer moved to approve the meeting minutes of the 6/18/21. Christina seconded the motion There was no discussion and the motions passed unanimously.

III. Budget-(Informational)

A. 2021-2022 Budget Overview- Marcus Meyer

The budget is posted on the SAM website. Membership dues are still coming in; however, there is a decline from the previous year. There has been an increase in cost on the national dues and insurance. A full update will be completed the first week of October.

1.CASE conference – President and President Elect

Sara Novak and Taylor Salmi will be attending in person in Little Rock, Arkansas in November.

2. MCASE/MCEC Winter Joint Conference – Cost/Budget Impact to be determined

Michelle Halberg gave a historical overview of the joint effort with the MCASE/MCEC conference. Discussions of virtual vs. in-person conference options.

IV. MCASE Goals and Strategic Objectives:

#### **A. Leadership-Promote and Strengthen Special Education Leadership**

1.1. – Support active membership through the use of variety of tools (e.g. social media and personal networking):

- \* MCASE [membership](#) (Informational)
- \* [CASE](#) membership 78; MCASE membership 61
- \* University and Preparation Programs-

Attempt to find university department heads as representatives to join MCASE as a way to build connections.

1.2. - Increase communication across regional MCASE groups.

Region Reports-

Region I- Jennifer Hickock

Region I members have not met yet. Discussed impacts of COVID

Region II –Lisa Von Bergen

Region II members have not met yet. Living costs continue to impact staffing options. They are continuing to look for one school psychologist and two special education teachers.

Region III – Chelsey Rogers

Region III members are meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:00-12:00. Frustration was expressed with teachers breaking contracts.

Region IV – Jenny Malloy

Region IV members have not met yet. Hoping for the third week of October. Law Conference on November 11-12th located in Livingston, MT.

Region V – Tim Berg

Region V meets every 4th Thursday of each month.

1.3 – Highlight regional discussions on SAM website- (Agendas and Notes)

## 1.4 Promote recognition of outstanding Leaders in your regions

### **B. Professional Learning: MCASE will collaborate with state and local professionals including higher education to anticipate and provide professional learning opportunities that address the complex needs of learners.**

2.2 MCASE will invite experts in areas of need such as *leadership, special education programs*, complex needs of learners (social skills training, autism, trauma, etc.) to increase capacity of all educational leaders and providers.

\* Partner with MCEC -Leadership strand MCASE/MCEC joint conference

### **C. Advocacy: Promote and strengthen advocacy for sufficient special education funding and for an integrated system to ensure success for "all" students.**

3.1 Engage in Political Advocacy -

Kirk Miller wrote a "Letter to the Editor" that has circulated throughout the state.

Kirk Miller has posted a link on the SAM website for advocacy and professional services.

### **D. Other Non-agenda items discussed**

No further discussion

### **E. Next Meetings**

\* MCASE Membership Mtg. – Tuesday September 21, 2021

\*MCASE Board Mtg - TBD in February 2022, Membership Mtg TBD

\* MCASE Board Mtg- June same week as Delegate Assembly

### **F. Adjourn/Next Mtg. (Motion)**

There being no further business Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Lisa. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2022.