



MONTANA COUNCIL of ADMINISTRATORS for SPECIAL EDUCATION

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MCASE Board Web Meeting

September 20, 2020

2:00 – 3:30 pm via Zoom

Join [SAM Zoom](#)

President: Michelle Halberg

President Elect: Sean Maharg

Past President: Karen Underwood

Secretary: Jenny Malloy

Region Representatives: Pam Pettigrew (I), Lisa Von Bergen (II), Chelsey Rogers (III), Jenny Malloy (IV), Mary Meehan (V)

CEC/CASE Federal Advocacy; Delegate Assembly Steering Committee: Tamara Covington

MCEC Representative: Shelley Dempsey

MCASE/CASE Membership Committee: Emilie Maule

Montana Schools Recruitment Project: Kaitlin Sonderer

Other Attendees: Gary Wagner, Kirk Miller

MCASE President Michelle Halberg, Presiding

Proposed Agenda Items:

1. Consent Agenda: MCASE Board Minutes 02/19/20 (**Discussion/Motion/Action**)
2. Montana Schools Recruitment Project (*Kaitlin Sonderer*) (**Informational**)
2. CEC Special Education Legislative Summit/Federal Legislation Update (*Tamra Covington and Sara Novak*) (**Informational**)
3. MCEC/MCASE Spring Conference – (*Shelley Dempsey*) (**Informational**)
“The MCEC board decided not to have the conference in 2021. They felt they had to make a decision to go forward or not because we had to book the site so far in advance. We discussed going virtual as well but for many of the following reasons and people being overwhelmed with virtual meetings, decided that was not a good option. The board felt that we could not pin down topics to cover that would be of interest to the education community due to the ever-changing world of the pandemic. We also wondered about teachers being able to request subs to attend. In the end, there were too many unanswered questions to plan a successful event.” (Shelley’s Written Report as she may not be able to attend)

4. Expanding MCASE Leadership: (*Michelle Halberg*)
- a.) Region Representatives, Advocacy at the State and Federal level, President-Elect Nomination
(Informational)
- b.) Attendance and Financial Support for Annual CASE Conference in November (President, President Elect 2nd Yr.; Case/MCASE Membership 2nd Yr.): **(Discussion/Motion/Action)**
- c. MCASE Committees: **(Discussion/Motion/Action)**
Current Language within the MCASE Constitution and Proposed Changes:
The standing committees shall be as follows:

- ~~Promote and Strengthen Special Education Leadership~~
- Promote and Strengthen Preparation Programs for Educational Leaders and Teachers
- Promote and Strengthen *State and Federal Advocacy for students with disabilities for an Integrated System that Meets All Students' Needs*
- ~~Developing and Strengthening the SLP program in Montana.~~
- *Promote and strengthen MCASE membership*
- *Promote recruitment and retention of special education positions*

~~There shall be five (5) regional~~ *at least two (2) committee meetings at least* between the two semi-annual ~~business~~ *MCASE Governing Board* meetings and working on established priorities of the organization.

The Governing Board shall serve as the nominating committee. The Immediate Past President shall chair. Calls for nomination will circulate by email at least thirty (30) days prior to the spring business meeting. Email balloting shall follow/occur during the Spring MCASE business meeting and results will be announced at the close of balloting one week later.

5. Approval of [MCASE Budget](#) – (*Gary Wagner*) **(Discussion/Motion/Action)**
6. MCASE Membership: MCASE Membership (*Michelle Halberg, Emilie Maule; Gary Wagner*)
(Informational)
- Current Membership
 - [Proposed changes to costs](#)
 - Website
 - Membership Drive

7. Proposed changes to [MCASE Roles and Responsibilities](#): (*Michelle Halberg*)
(Discussion/Motion/Action)

8. Delegate Assembly and Preparing for Legislative Year – [Executive Director Update](#) : *Kirk Miller*

9. Finalize Agenda for the membership meeting on Tuesday (*Michelle Halberg*)

10. Adjourn/Next Mtg.