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MCASE Board Meeting Agenda

Sunday, November 28, 2021 via video conference

7:00 - 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)

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

Absent: Tim Berg

President Sara Novak called the November 28, 2021 Board meeting to order at 7:01 PM via virtual meeting through Zoom.

MCASE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING:

I. Welcome – Sara

II. Consent Agenda: Minutes Governing Board Meetings 8/30/21 & 9/19/21 (Motion/Discussion/Action)

Sara reviewed the meeting minutes from 8/30/2021 and 9/19/2021. Jennifer moved to approve the meeting minutes of 8/30/2021. Michelle seconded the motion. Lisa moved to approve the meeting minutes of the 9/19/21. Chelsey seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motions passed unanimously.

III. MCASE/MCEC Joint Conference Update- Christina (Informational)

Christina Olstad informed the Governing Board that MCEC has decided to not host the MCEC February conference and to break their contract that will cost \$11,000. MCEC will explore options to hold the conference virtually. Several dates were discussed instead of the February dates; however, there were several conflicts. At this time, there does not appear to be a date to reschedule the conference.

IV. MCASE Plan for Winter/Spring Conference:

Could MCASE hold their own conference to provide additional professional development to members? This could allow MCASE to hold a membership meeting and awards. Ideas discussed would be something similar to the Evening of Excellence with awards and a silent auction to help gain funds. Kirk was able to discuss possible minimal options for support from SAM. Board members discussed the option of an OPI discretionary grant as well. Sara will reach out to SAM in the near future.

V. Regional Updates -

Jennifer Hickock (Region I) - No meetings have been held at this time.

Lisa Von Bergen (Region II) - No meetings have been held at this time.

Chelsey Rogers (Region III) - Are meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Low attendance and are brainstorming ideas of how to improve this area. Sara Evans will lead the stand alone meetings and Chelsey will meet with Coops. The two groups will come together quarterly.

Jenny Malloy (Region IV) - Held a presentation with OPI to discuss Private School/Home School Funding and invited Coop Directors along with Region IV members.

Tim Berg (Region V) - Absent

VI. Other Non-agenda items discussed

The next Cooperative meeting will be held November 29th at 2:00.

Kirk referenced members to the SAM strategy page to support the value of schools. He discussed the vacancy report from OPI and the impact of specifically the Special Education Director position.

MCASE is very appreciative of SAMs efforts to support the value of schools and the work of OPI.

VII. Next Meetings

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.