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MCASE MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 2/21/2020

President Michelle Halberg called the February 21, 2020 MCASE Membership meeting to order at 8:05 PM

I. Welcome and Introductions – Michelle Halberg, MCASE President

II. Consent Agenda: Minutes September 24, 2019 MCASE Membership Mtg. (Motion/Discussion/Action)

Michelle reviewed the meeting minutes from September 24, 2019. Pam Pettigrew moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 24, 2019. Sara Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. MCASE Budget – (Informational)

A. Budget Planning for 2020-2021 FY:

1. Gifts and Awards - Lori Ruffier Legacy Award Recipient, Include CASE nominations and recognition, MCASE distinguished service awards attendance at the SAM Evening of Excellence.
2. Advocacy – Sending two MCASE representatives to the Special Ed. Legislative Summit.
3. Conferences- MCASE/MCEC Joint Conference in Billings; MASS/MCASE September 20, 2020 in Helena.

Michelle discussed the newly developed Lori Ruffier Legacy Award and the financial impact. There was a discussion of supporting the financial needs and support of award winners who also attend the SAM Evening of Excellence during Delegate Assembly in June. Michelle recommended promoting and recognizing CASE nominations. The MCASE Board recommended sending two representatives to the Special Education Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. Michelle

discussed an increase in the budget line item to support this recommendation. Michelle recommended MCASE supporting joint conference costs. The next MCASE membership meeting will be held on September 22, 2020 in Helena.

IV. MCASE MT Schools Recruitment Project – Kaitlin Sonderer

Kaitlin gave an overview of the MT Schools Recruitment Project. She gave a review of the cost per District/Cooperative and gave members information on how to connect with recruitment materials on the SAM website.

Kaitlin gave additional information the Virtual Career Fair and the Home Grown Project.

V. Advocacy -

A. * [LFC Education Subcommittee](#) - studies [HB 657](#) ;LFD Kris Wilkinson; Members: Rep. Bedey, Chair; Sen. Ellis; Rep. Funk; Rep. Grubbs; Rep. Hamlett; Rep. Jones; Sen. McClafferty, Vice Chair; Sen. Salomon

* LFC Education Subcommittee Next Meeting: **March 18-19, 2020; State Capitol Room 152**

Michelle reviewed the discussion with LFC Education Subcommittee from a panel of Cooperative Directors that participated in December. Sara Novak gave her input from the January meeting as well. Dick Trerise reviewed the proposal and hopeful changes in the special education funding, formula and possible catch up.

VI. Professional development –

A. Partner with MCEC -Leadership strand MCASE/MCEC joint conference

1. MCEC Conference Wrap Up and Planning meeting- Shelley/Michelle attending
2. Expand this objective to align with advocacy objective of 3.2. “Partner with General Education Initiatives” to include integrated professional learning opportunities in leadership
3. MCASE/MASS Fall Conference 2020: Helena Delta/Marriott September 21-22

* [CASE Hybrid](#)

Karen Underwood informed members of the benefit of participating in the CASE Hybrid conference and how to access this conference.

VII. Next Meetings: (Informational)

* MCASE Board Mtg – Delegate Assembly June 12, 2020

* MCASE membership meeting September 22, 2020 during MCASE/MASS joint conference in Helena at the Delta/Marriott.

VIII. Adjourn (Motion)

There being no further business Jennifer Cline moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 AM. Dave Means seconded the motion.