



**COUNCIL of ADMINISTRATORS for
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MCASE Membership Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 15, 2021 via video conference

12:45 – 1:15 pm.

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 and Delegate Assembly Steering Committee: Tamra
Covington**

MCEC Representative: Shelley Dempsey

MCASE/CASE Membership Committee: Emilie Maule

Montana Schools Recruitment Project: Kaitlin Sonderer, Program Director

AGENDA:

MCASE President Michelle Halberg, Presiding

President Michelle Halberg called the April 15, 2021 MCASE Membership meeting to order at 1:05 PM via virtual meeting through Zoom.

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Deletions/Additions to Agenda**
- 3. Approval of [MCASE Membership Meeting Minutes 09/22/2020](#)**

Michelle reviewed the meeting minutes from September 22, 2020. Sara Jones moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 22, 2020. Pam Pettigrew seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Reports**
 - a. MCASE President, Michelle Halberg**
 - i. “Ex-Presidents Club”**

1. *Michelle thanked the membership for the past four years serving as their President Elect and President. The opportunity to develop relationships across the state during COVID and Region Mtgs. has been a real honor. While continuing to be involved as Past President, she looks forward to joining the “Ex-Presidents Club” and taking on a supportive role as Sean Maharg assumes the presidency.*
 2. Sean Maharg will be taking his seat as President of MCASE on July 1, 2021.
- ii. Montana Schools Recruitment Project and Committee, Kaitlin Sonderer, Program Director (406) 570-4976; samkms@sammt.org The MSRP page on SAM website: <https://saom.memberclicks.net/mcase-recruitment-project>**
1. MSRP is attending many conferences for recruitment.
 2. New branding will be released in the near future.
- b. SAM Report: Kirk Miller**
- i. Kirk provided a SAM update and a legislative update.
 - ii. Michelle is an eligible candidate for the SAM board of directors.
 - iii. HB 46 passed the second reading. Moved to third reading on 4/15/2021 (special education funding). Executive action to send it back to the senate floor happened this morning.
 - iv. The Senate Education Committee did not take HB 329 (“Establishment of the Special Ed. Savings Account”) off the table to amend with the graybill.
 - v. HB 279 (tax credit bill) has been put up for hearing for 4/16/2021.
 - vi. HB 630 (ESSER II Funds) passed out of senate finance and claims.
 - vii. HB 632 (ESSER III Funds) senate finance claims has been amended to eliminate schools from the 20% hold back.
 - viii. CSCT Medical Reimbursement has been resolved. School Districts most likely won’t have to forfeit their CSCT programs.
 - ix. Kirk recommends continuing to contact senators.
 - x. SAM LPLP has been approved to launch April 16, 2021 for the 2021-2022
 - xi. Reference SAM website for upcoming professional development opportunities
- c. MCASE Budget: Gary Wagner**
- i. Expenditures were lower.
 - ii. Membership has increased.
 - iii. SAM membership drive was kicked off on April 6th. MCASE membership drive was pulled back as there are changes to the structure.
 - iv. Proposing a balanced budget.
- d. CEC/CASE Federal Advocacy: Tamra Covington**
- i. President Biden has released his budget proposal for the upcoming year. He is proposing to fully fund IDEA. They will seek out stakeholders.
 - ii. Unfortunately, there has not been a lot of movement of the bills put forth.

5. Approval of MCASE Governing Board Recommended Membership Dues

Members of MCASE administer, direct, supervise, and/or coordinate a program, school or class of special education for exceptional children or are members of a college faculty whose major responsibility is the professional preparation of administrators of special education.

- a. Full Active MCASE Membership (Full CEC+CASE+SAM): \$380
- b. Basic MCASE Membership: (Basic CEC+CASE+SAM): \$325
- c. Student MCASE Member:(Basic CEC+CASE+SAM): \$293
- d. University Faculty/Retired MCASE Member: (Basic CEC+CASE+SAM): \$240

Michelle reviewed the recommended changes in membership dues. Jennifer Hickok moved to approve the changes in dues. Sara Evans seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of MCASE Governing Board Recommended Changes to MCASE Constitution Membership Descriptions (09/20/2021)

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Full Active MCASE Membership is open to anyone who (a) is a current member of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and (b) Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Division. They currently administer, direct, supervise special education staff, and/or coordinate special education programs, or are administrator of an independent school that provides specialized programs for students with disabilities (e.g., MSDB), or college/university faculty whose major responsibility is the professional preparation of administrators of special education or special education providers, (e.g., Special Ed teachers, SLPs, School Psychologists). Active membership entitles the member to attend all meetings, to vote on all questions presented to the membership, and to hold office.

Section 2. Basic MCASE membership is open to any member who (a) is a current member of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and (b) Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Division. This includes general education administrators without special education supervision endorsement, special education coordinators who currently have responsibility for the coordination of special education programs, implementation and supervision of the delivery of special education programs consistent with State and Federal guidance or supervises special education.

Section 3. Student MCASE membership is open to individuals who are currently enrolled or post their Master's program in special education administration programs or the Special Education Supervision Endorsement. Members who have a temporary, Class 5, endorsement and who are employed in the role of coordination special education programs, the implementation and supervision of the delivery of special education programs consistent with State and Federal guidance or supervises special education staff.

Section 4. University Faculty/Retired MCASE Membership shall be available to those who have retired from their role. College and University Faculty who are responsible for the instruction of general education teachers and/or special education staff in designated preparation programs (e.g., Special Ed Teacher, SLPs, OTs, School Psychologists, General Education Administration Programs). Retired life members may enjoy all privileges of Basic Membership, except that of holding elected office and voting on action items before the membership. They may serve on committees.

Section 5. MCASE is an associate member of SAM and the membership year shall run from July 1 to June 30.

Section 6. Although separate membership may be maintained in the Council of Exceptional Children and CASE, only members with Unified membership, MCASE = CEC+CASE+SAM shall be entitled to vote on matters concerning the organization.

Section 7. There shall be one state organization of MCASE with five (5) regional committees headed by a chairperson elected by each regional council

Article IV: Dues

Section 1. *The executive committee shall recommend the amount of dues. The amount shall be subject to approval of members at the annual spring business meeting.*

Article VIII: Committees

Section1: *The standing committees shall be as follows:*

- a. Promote and Strengthen Preparation Programs and Professional Development for Administrators, General and Special Education Teachers and Related Service Providers.*
- b. Promote and strengthen Advocacy for Integrated System that Meets All Students' Needs*
- c. Promote and Strengthen State and Federal Advocacy for Students with Disabilities (Chair: Tamra Covington)*
- d. Promote and Strengthen Special Education Leadership: Special Education Cooperatives (Chair: Karen Underwood)*
- e. Promote and strengthen MCASE Membership (Chair: Emilie Maule)*
- f. Promote Recruitment and Retention of Special Education Positions (Chair: MSRP-Kaitlin Sonderer)*

Section 2. *There shall be at least five (5) regional meetings and at least two (2) committee meetings between the two (2) semi-annual MCASE Governing Board Meetings in order to work on establishing priorities of the committee.*

Section 3. *Governing Board shall serve as the nominating committee. The Immediate Past President shall chair. Calls for nomination will circulate by mail 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.*

Michelle reviewed the recommended revision to the MCASE Constitution description. Karen Underwood moved to approve the changes in dues. Sara Evans seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously

7. Approval of MCASE Governing Board Endorsed nominee, Sara Novak as MCASE President-Elect

Michelle indicated that there were several MCASE members that gave serious consideration of the role of President-Elect, but only one candidate agreed to move forward. The MCASE Board members unanimously support, endorse, Sara Novak as President-Elect and ask for membership approval of this recommendation. Pam Pettigrew moved to approve the nomination of Sara Novak. Sara Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously

8. Adjourn/Next Meeting: September MASS/MCASE Joint Conference

MASS/MCASE Joint Conference will be held in Helena on September 20-21. There being no further business Karen Underwood moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Hickok.