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Representative to CEC/CASE Legislative Summit); Shelley Dempsey (MCEC
Representative); Emilie Maule:CASE/MCASE Membership**

MCASE VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: September 22,2020

President Michelle Halberg called the September 22, 2020 Board meeting to order at 8:15 AM via virtual meeting through Zoom.

I. Welcome and Introductions – Michelle Halberg, MCASE President

II. Consent Agenda: Minutes February, 2020 MCASE Membership Mtg. (Motion/Discussion/Action)

Michelle reviewed the meeting minutes from February, 2020. Karen Underwood moved to approve the meeting minutes for February, 2020. Chelsey Rogers seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. MCASE Goals and Strategic Objective-Leadership: Advocacy (Kirk, Tamra, and Sara)
(Informational)

A. Tamra Covington and Sara Novak:

- a. HR 1878 and S 866 for full funding IDEA. (Introduced March 2019. No current action.)
- b. Opposing public funds for private education/vouchers, etc. - KEEP PUBLIC FUNDS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION. NO equitable services!
 - i. Providing adequate funding for IDEA + Full funding (40% instead of current 13%). From one of the above bills? :
 1. \$14 B for IDEA Part B funding
 2. Section 619 preschool-\$684 M
 3. Part C- \$975 M
 4. Part D- \$254 M
 5. National Center for SE Research- \$70 M
 6. Gifted & Talented- \$32 M
 - ii. One-time \$12.5 B targeted funding for IDEA

- iii. Emergency funding for school districts - COVID. Cost of reopening schools, projection of loss of 2 million educational jobs/personnel over the next 3 years, declining state/local revenues, push for dedicated program \$\$ for IDEA, ESEA
- c. Michelle discussed the proposed changes to the description and roles of region representatives, along with Delegate Assembly representation.

B. Kirk Miller

- a. [SAM Delegate Assembly](#)
- b. 2020 SAM Legislative Network 2021 (SAMLN21) – [Description](#) & [Forming the SAMLN21 & 2019 Info](#)
- c. Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees](#), [SAM 2021 Interim Advocacy Report](#)
- d. [Federal Advocacy](#)
- e. [SCOTUS Espinoza Decision 6/30/20](#)
- f. [2021 Legislative Session](#) ([2019 Legislative Session](#) SAM Example)

IV. [MCASE Budget](#) (Gary): (Informational)

Gary discussed the MCASE Budget that was approved by the Governing Board on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Michelle informed members that the Governing Board discussed the use of funds for the CASE conference being held in November. She brought attention to the CEC conference line item as this is a larger expense. This is dependent on if the conference is face to face or virtual.

V. [MCASE Goals and Strategic Objective: Leadership \(Michelle\)](#): 1.3: Promote recognition of outstanding Leaders in your regions. 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.

A. ANNUAL CASE and MCASE AWARDS- (Informational)

1. [Current MCASE Awards](#): *Special Education Director*

Special Education Teacher

Regular Education Teacher

Lori Ruffier Legacy Award

2. [Add CASE Awards](#): **Harrie M. Selznick CASE Distinguished Service Award**

CASE Outstanding Administrator of Special Education Award

Outstanding Service to CASE Award

CASE Early Career Special Education Administrator Award

3. Recognition of MCASE Retirees

B. [2020 Northern Plains Virtual Law Conference](#) October 5th and 6th

[CASE Fall Conference is Virtual](#): November 5th-7th , Early bird registration through Sept. 25th
\$200 CASE members and \$260 Non-Case Members

C. Nomination of President Elect 2021-2023-(Informational)

The President Elect position is an elected position via the MCASE membership. Candidates for the President Elect position shall be nominated by the Governing Board. Elections take place at the spring business meeting of each odd numbered year. If more than two (2) candidates are nominated, the Governing Board shall vote on two (2) candidates to be placed on the ballot.

Sean Maharg will assume the role of President beginning July 1. A President-Elect will need to be nominated by the Governing Board. Regions can nominate a President-Elect or individuals can nominate themselves or others. We encourage you to become a leader in the MCASE Governing Board.

Karen Underwood brought recognition to Michelle Halberg as the current President and the support of the SAM office.

VI. Next Meetings: (Informational)

There is not a MCASE/MCEC conference this Spring. There may be a MCASE meeting in February; however, that is to be determined.

* [MCASE Governing Board Mtg and MCASE Membership Mtg. – February 2021](#)

VII. Adjourn (Motion)

There being no further business Karen Underwood moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 AM. Sean Maharg seconded the motion.