

META Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

1:00 – 2:00 PM



Join [SAM Zoom](#)

In attendance: Everett Holm, James Krippes, Detlef Schlieper, Paul Kozlowitz, Darlene Hess, Adam Toombs, Zabrea Fiscus, Branson Rogers, Kirk Miller, Marcus Meyer, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Carol Phillips, Brian Norwood, Jeredene Mayfield, Travis Baumann, Robert Parker, Mitch Irvine, Brad Somers, Rich Lawrence

AGENDA

Call Meeting to order and Introductions - Presiding – *Everett Holm*, META President

President Holm called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

1. **Approval of** [META Board Leadership Web Meeting 11-17-21 DRAFT Minutes \[Action\]](#)

Adam Toombs made a motion to approve the minutes; Paul Kozlowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **META Business**

1. [2022 MASS/METAtechED/MCASE Spring Conference](#) Update – *Carol Phillips*

Everett reviewed the draft conference agenda. He encouraged board members to register to attend and to promote the conference in their regions. Marcus stated that TROX and Bytespeed have registered to be platinum sponsors of the conference. Carol is working to fill eight breakout sessions. MASS and MCASE will also be filling eight breakout sessions each. A reception and banquet will be held Monday evening. All conference attendees will be invited to attend.

2. Delegate Assembly Steering Committee ([DASC](#)) META Representative Discussion – *Everett Holm*

Everett reported that Delegate Assembly is an important component of SAM as the group of delegates create SAM's advocacy priorities. Rich Lawrence has retired and may not continue as the META Delegate Assembly Steering Committee representative. He asked those interested in serving in this position to contact him.

Everett stated that the call for resolutions was emailed to all SAM members earlier today. He encouraged board members to review the current SAM Advocacy Priorities and Resolutions. Kirk stated that possible resolutions should be directed to Rick Duncan.

Everett encouraged board members to volunteer to serve META as a delegate during Delegate Assembly June 9 - 10 in Helena. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

3. META Elections and Appointments Update – *Everett Holm*

- [META Region](#) Directors – NE Region Director open

Everett asked the board for ideas of META members who may be interested in serving as the NE Director. He stated that it is also time for current region directors to consider if they plan to continue serving as their region's director.

The application window is now open for META Vice President. The application deadline is March 11.

4. [META Financial Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk reported that conference registration is a large revenue stream for META. He encouraged board members to promote the conference in their regions.

5. [Membership Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk reported that the META membership is down a few members this year. He encouraged region members to contact past members in their region who have not yet renewed. He reminded board members that a paid META membership provides a CoSN membership for all administrators in the district.

6. [Current Award Opportunities](#)

Everett encouraged board members to nominate deserving candidates for these awards.

7. Announcement - CoSN's 2021 Frank Withrow Outstanding CTO of the Year Award

Everett announced that Carol Phillips has been selected as the CoSN 2021 Frank Withrow Outstanding CTO of the Year Award. She will be attending the CoSN conference where she will be presented with the award. Carol was the 2021 META Technologist of the Year and was therefore nominated for the national CoSN award.

8. [2022 CoSN National Conference](#) – April 11-13, 2022 in Nashville – *Brian Norwood*

Everett reported that he and Carol will be attending the conference in person. Brian will be attending virtually. He encouraged board members to review the agenda and consider attending either in person or virtually.

9. Cybersecurity Project Update

James asked if other board members were completing the insurance questionnaires that they received. He stated that he thinks the questions may serve as a good template for moving forward. He asked if others on the board would be interested in working on creating a template. Everett suggested that region directors bring this information to region members to try to solicit others who would be interested in helping. Darlene stated that she would like to serve on this committee.

10. Student Data Privacy Update

James reported that the NC META Region members plan to prepare a resolution that will be presented to SAM Delegate Assembly that would allow Montana to accept the national agreement, making the process much easier for school districts.

3. **Reports**

1. President Report – *Everett Holm*

Everett reported that the SAM Executive Board recently reviewed applications and interviewed candidates for the SAM Executive Director position. News will be coming out soon. Everett and Carol recently met with a potential SAM Business Partner. The SAM Board will vote on the partnership at the March meeting.

2. President Elect Report – *Carol Phillips*

No report

3. Past President and CoSN State Chapter – *Brian Norwood*

Kirk reported that Brian will attend the State Chapter meeting during the CoSN conference.

4. South East – *Branson Rogers*

Branson reported he is hoping to schedule a meeting soon.

5. South Central – *Darlene Hess*

Darlene reported that the region members discussed cybersecurity at the last meeting. Districts of all sizes are having cybersecurity issues. The next meeting is scheduled for April.

6. Central – *Adam Toombs & Zabrea Fiscus*

Adam reported that most region communication has been digital. Many region members plan to attend the conference in person. They plan to connect as a region during the conference.

7. 4 Rivers – *Mitch Irvine & Brad Somers*

No report

8. Western – *Paul Kozlowitz*

Paul reported that he plans to host an in-person interactive flat panel get together soon.

9. Northwest – *Detlef Schlieper*

Detlef reported that cybersecurity has been a topic of discussion in the Northwest region. He has been attempting to connect the Columbia Falls School District with META.

10. North Central – *Jeredene Mayfield & James Krippes*

James reported that student data privacy was the topic of discussion at the last region meeting.

11. Hi Line – *Robert Parker & Travis Baumann*

No report

12. North East – *TBD*

4. [Advocacy Update](#) – *Rich Lawrence & Kirk Miller*

Kirk reported that several SAM members e served on the Chapter 57 task force. SAM has provided public comment to support the recommendations of the task force. He reported that the SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee has voted to join MQEC in standing against CI 121 (property tax freeze).

5. [Executive Director Report – SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk asked board members to use the tools provided on the SAM Strategy for Promoting the Value of Public Education webpage to help tell the rich story of the great things that your public school is doing. He encouraged board members to mark their calendars for the SAM Week of Excellence (June 8 - 10) and the SAM Administrators Institute (July 25-27).

6. **Open Discussion** - Items brought to the Board by Regional Directors

Everett encouraged board members to contact him with items of discussion for the next meeting agenda.

7. **Adjourn**

META CALENDAR

- META Board Meeting – Sunday, March 20, 2022, 5:00 – 8:00 pm at the Conference in Helena
- [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [2021-22 SAM Conference - Meeting Schedule](#) and [2021-22 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting Schedule](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kim Scofield
Director of Professional Learning and Member Services

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