

META Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

April 14, 2021
1:00 – 2:00 PM



In attendance: Everett Holm, Robert Parker, Brian Norwood, Scott Baldwin, Paul Kozlowitz, James Krippes, Rich Lawrence, Adam Toombs, Branson Rogers, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield, Gary Wagner

Not in attendance: Mitch Irvine, Mindy Obert, Carol Phillips, Darlene Hess, Travis Baumann, Detlef Schlieper, Jeredene Mayfield

AGENDA

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

President Holm called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM

1. Approval of [META Board Web Meeting 3-22-21 DRAFT Minutes \[Action\]](#)

Adam Toombs made a motion to approve the minutes; [James Krippes](#) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of [META Membership Virtual Meeting 3-23-21 DRAFT Minutes \[Action\]](#)

Adam Toombs made a motion to approve the minutes; Richard Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. META Business

1. [2021 METAtchED Virtual Spring Conference](#) Review – *Carol Phillips*

- [Evaluation, Financial Report](#), Board Discussion/Comments

Everett reported that the conference session recordings are available on the Conference Landing page until May 1. He stated that he is sure the vendors would be happy to schedule discussions. He reviewed the conference evaluation results. In reviewing the financial report, Everett stated that the profit made on the conference is \$14,406.62. Adam thanked Carol for working diligently to ensure that vendors sponsored the conference resulting in very low expenses for META (\$93.38). Rich stated that he has made a point to reach out to conference sponsors and vendors to thank them for attending and sponsoring the conference. Adam stated that he has had several follow-up conversations with vendors since the conference.

2. Consideration of [META Proposed FY 21-22 Budget \[Action\]](#) – *Everett Holm*

Everett reviewed the budget pointing out that the conference next year will be planned for an in-person event creating higher expenses than this year.

James Krippes made a motion to approve the budget; Adam Toombs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- META Region Directors elections

Everett asked region directors to send their election results to him and to the SAM office.

- META [Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative](#) appointment

Everett reported that he has recommended to the SAM Board that Rich Lawrence serve as the META Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative. The SAM Board will vote on this recommendation in June. Several board members thanked Rich for his service to META by serving in this position.

- META Delegates for Delegate Assembly

Everett stated that META will have five delegates on the SAM Delegate Assembly that is scheduled for June 10-11, 2021. Rich serves as one of the five delegates. Everett asked those interested in serving on the Delegate Assembly to email him. Kirk stated that Delegate Assembly is being planned as a blended delivery model - both onsite and virtual options.

4. Discussion of approved SAM Business Partnership Level/Benefit Change – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk reported that the SAM Board of Directors recently voted to change the SAM Business Partnership Level/Benefits to include that Montana Glacier and Montana Big Sky Sponsors (\$7500+) have the opportunity to present at Regional Affiliate meetings with the regional president/director approval. Kirk also reviewed the list of SAM Business Partners and their partnership levels. Everett stated that he appreciates this change. He has been contacted by many vendors and this change helps to guide everyone's efforts.

3. **Reports**

1. President Report – *Everett Holm*

Everett reported that students are finally back to onsite learning in Browning after over a year.

2. President Elect Report – *Carol Phillips*

No report

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

Brian reported that most CoSN activity this month has been about federal legislative issues.

4. South East – *Branson Rogers*

Branson reported that a region meeting is scheduled for May 5th. He is advertising this to region members. The agenda will include a conference follow-up.

5. South Central – *Darlene Hess*

No report

6. Central – *Adam Toombs & Scott Baldwin*

Adam reported that a meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss conference follow-up. The conference will most likely be held both virtually and in person.

7. 4 Rivers – *Mindy Obert & Brad Somers*

No report

8. Western – *Paul Kozlowitz*

No report

9. Northwest – *Detlef Schlieper*

Rich reported that he and Detlef will be meeting soon to plan a meeting and regular meetings going forward.

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

James reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week.

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

Robert reported that he and Travis will be scheduling a spring meeting soon.

12. North East – *TBD*

Everett reported that he has had a few conversations with a potential region director.

4. **Advocacy Update** – *Rich Lawrence & Kirk Miller*

1. [2021 Legislative Session](#)

Kirk pointed out the resources available to all SAM members on the website. He reviewed the SAM Legislative Update webpage that includes all of the updates for the session. A report reviewing the prior week and previewing the upcoming week is created each Friday. Kirk reviewed the [SAMLN21 Legislative Update 14 SAM Status Report 4-2-21](#) and provided advocacy statistics on the 187 SAM Followed Bills. Kirk reviewed the five SAM Advocacy Priorities that are being followed by SAM during this legislative session. He highlighted the following bills: HB 15, HB 46, HB 2, HB 630, HB 632, HB 329, and HB 279.

Kirk stated that language in HB 632 included the possibility of school districts losing up to 20% of their federal funding if they invoked a mask mandate after Gov. Gianforte has removed the state mask mandate (PROVIDING FOR A REDUCTION TO CERTAIN GRANT AWARDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BASED ON HEALTH REGULATIONS THAT ARE MORE STRICT THAN THOSE OF THE STATE) An amendment was added to the bill to make school districts exempt from this language. Rich and Everett thanked Kirk for his effort and work on this amendment as the original language would have negatively impacted their school districts.

2. [Federal Issues](#) Update

Kirk invited board members to review the [Montana ESSER I, ESSER II, ESSER III Estimated Federal Stimulus Allocations by District 4-7-21](#) that provides information for districts on the federal allocations for each school district in Montana. This document is located on the [COVID-19 Information for Schools webpage](#) on the SAM website.

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

Kirk reported that SAM LPLP 2021-22 will be launching soon and invited META Board members to participate. The SAM Golf Tournament, Evening of Excellence, and SAM Delegate Assembly are scheduled for June 9-11. Both in-person and virtual options will be made available. The SAM Administrators Institute is scheduled for July 26-28 and will include sessions around technology that will be beneficial to META

members. Several sessions are being planned to discuss infrastructure needs and the impact of legislation on school districts. It will also serve as the launch of SAM's 50th Anniversary celebration.

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

Everett reported that he received an email from Krystal Smith on behalf of Sharyl Allen who is looking for four technology directors to sit on focus groups to review Chapter 57 and 58 licensure and accreditation standards. These groups will meet on April 19th and April 23rd. Everett and Adam (April 19th), Rich and James (April 23rd) will serve on these focus groups.

Kirk stated that the META Board Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2021 from 9:00 - 12:00. Everett plans to be in Helena to meet face-to-face. A virtual option will also be available.

7. **Adjourn**

Adam Toombs made a motion to approve the minutes; Richard Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 PM.

META CALENDAR

- META Board Reorganization Meeting – May 12, 2021 9:00 -12:00
- [SAM 2020-21 Schedule of Conferences and Board Meetings](#) and [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [2021-22 SAM Conference - Meeting DRAFT Schedule](#) and [2021-22 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting DRAFT Schedule](#)

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Scofield
Director of Professional Learning and Member Services