

META Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

March 22, 2021

1:00 – 2:00 PM



Join [SAM Zoom 2](#)

In attendance: Everett Holm, Mindy Obert, Carol Phillips, Robert Parker, Brian Norwood, Scott Baldwin, Paul Kozlowitz, Darlene Hess, Travis Baumann, James Krippes, Rich Lawrence, Adam Toombs, Branson Rogers, Detlef Schlieper, Jeredene Mayfield, Kirk Miller, Gary Wagner
Tara Locke, Rob Potter, Mitch Irvine, Gerry Myers

Presiding – *Everett Holm*, META President

AGENDA

Call Meeting to order and Introductions

1. **Approval of [META Board Leadership Web Meeting 2-17-21 DRAFT Minutes](#) [Action]**
Motion made by James Krippes to approve the minutes, seconded by Travis Baumann. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **META Business**
 1. [2021 METAtchED Virtual Spring Conference](#) Update – *Carol Phillips*
Carol mentioned the number of attendees being 51. Lots of value in the event. Wanted face-to face time for attendees to just see familiar faces and that will be an open session to network for fellow META members during the lunch hour. Discussed Tuesday’s agenda and the option to attend. She encouraged board members to visit vendors and to thank TROX for getting Google to the conference.
 2. [META Membership Virtual Meeting 3-23-21](#) Review – *Everett Holm*
Everett ran through the agenda and asked each Director to be ready to have a quality discussion. He referenced elections for regional directors and asked that directors report the results to the SAM Office. He asked everyone to look at the strategic plan and the budget ahead of the meeting to stay up to date.
 3. [META Financial Report 3rd Quarter FY 20-21 with Proposed FY 21-22 Budget](#) – *Everett Holm*
Everett made note that the budget looks good and META is healthy. He referred to the spring conference and membership being the largest revenue generator and we need to keep both strong. There was discussion about using funds from the Gifts and Awards line item to take care of those in need.
 4. META Awards Update – *Kim Scofield*
Gary Wagner gave a brief overview of how the awards will be presented.
 5. Filling Vacant META Board of Director Seat – NE Region – *Everett Holm*
Mindy asked if there should be a vote for her replacement at the region meeting - Mitch Irvine is wanting to fill the position. The thought is to send a message out to the META membership to get approval from the membership.

6. META [Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative](#) - Appointment recommendation to the SAM Board for Consideration by June 10, 2021 – *Everett Holm*
Everett has reached out to Rich Lawrence and he has agreed to let META forward his recommendation to the SAM Board for the position. The Board asked for a description of the position so members know what the position entails.

3. Reports

1. President Report – *Everett Holm*
Everett Holm mentioned that he has been in communication with Rich Lawrence to see his thoughts on fulfilling the Steering Committee seat. He wants to fill that NE Regional Director position mentioning that it should be easy to fill and maintain the position through Zoom with ease. He has talked with the Glendive crew in hopes that someone in that area might want to step up.
2. President Elect Report – *Carol Phillips*
Carol stated her report is all about the conference and all that was involved to make it successful. She thanked SAM for their help.
3. Past President and CoSN State Chapter – *Brian Norwood*
Brian mentioned the CoSN Conference and how the virtual event was impressive. He recommends the event and feels that it is worth everyone's time to take part. Next year in Nashville. The conference discussed how to move forward after COVID. He said there was conversation on how legislation is important now and how to spend funds.
4. South East – *Branson Rogers*
Branson Rogers reported that he has been swamped with basketball tournaments and that he has been enjoying the conference.
5. South Central – *Darlene Hess*
Darlene stated that her report is nothing new. The upcoming meeting next month will be the second of the year.
6. Central – *Adam Toombs & Scott Baldwin*
Adam discussed that he and Scott are looking to find ways to increase attendance. Really enjoyed the conference. The lunch and learn was awesome.
7. 4 Rivers – *Mindy Obert & Brad Somers*
Mindy Obert stated that she is stepping away from her position and will be emailing the group about her potential replacement. Her last meeting was very productive.
8. Western – *Paul Kozlowitz*
Paul Kozlowitz is having issues with Chrome devices and is hoping to do an end of the year Regional Meeting to discuss TECH ideas out there to close out the school year. This meeting will be for ANY regional groups in MT.
9. Northwest – *Detlef Schlieper*

Detlef mentioned that T-Mobile presented and gave out 20 JET-PACKS to families in need in his region. There is a data limit of 10 gs a month. Looking forward to meeting some local folks in his regions as he is new to this position.

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

Jeredene stated that there will be no virtual meeting this Thursday as the conference has been taking its place. Looking forward to a face-to-face in April. State that Glacier County has 1 active case and 0 new cases. They are doing their best and hanging in. This conference has been great for her learning.

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

Travis Baumann spoke for this region. They have had 2 regional meetings and are looking forward to another meeting post-conference. They are trying to find ways to get the internet to kids that are not in school. He serves many schools and stated that there are many differences between the different areas. Serving the students at home has been a struggle.

12. North East – *TBD*

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

1. [2021 Legislative Session](#)
2. [Federal Issues](#) Update

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

Kirk reviewed the report. He referenced that the COVID information for schools webpage is kept up to date daily for all administrators. He asked META members to be knowledgeable about these items so that they can have conversations with their other administrators about issues surrounding our schools.

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

Mitch is wondering with the Jet Packs if there is automated filtering. T-Mobile is out there and aggressive. Everett is asking T-Mobile to build a tower in Browning so that they could utilize their resources. Not making any headway and believes the tribal community is standing in the way. Everett mentioned Kajeet and their services.

7. **Adjourn**

META CALENDAR

- [SAM 2020-21 Schedule of Conferences and Board Meetings](#)
- [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [2021-22 SAM Conference - Meeting DRAFT Schedule](#)
- [2021-22 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting DRAFT Schedule](#)

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Adam Toombs; seconded by Jeredene Mayfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Wagner
Director of Operations, Finance & Membership