

META Membership Virtual Meeting DRAFT Minutes



March 23, 2021
1:00 – 2:00 PM

Join [SAM Zoom 2](#)

Presiding – *Everett Holm*, META President

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to order

1:04 - Everett Holm called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda [Action]

Adam Toombs made a motion to approve the minutes; Carol Philips seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of [Minutes META Membership Meeting 3-18-19](#) [Action]

Adam Toombs made a motion to approve the minutes, Tom Hering seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. President Report – *Everett Holm*

[Everett Holm](#) talked about the impact of COVID and the response from MT school districts stating that Montana showed lots of grit by getting the students taken care of with plenty of options for remote learning. The Student Data Privacy Agreement work has been strong and Montana continues to keep students safe from internet harm. He mentioned that Browning has had students trying to end their lives and the connections they made by monitoring internet activity and making sure students are safe. Mental health gets better when kids are back in the schools. Everett encouraged folks to stay in tune with the current Legislative Session and bills that impact public schools. He mentioned that Richard Lawrence has agreed to continue serving as the META Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative. Brian Norwood stated that the conference was a huge success. Very happy with the outcome.

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

[Kirk Miller](#) discussed the current state of META. The affiliate is 6 years old and making a difference. META has had a seat at the table and has become a very strong affiliate of SAM. The conference was a great method for discussing the issues that Montana Public Education is facing. META has a voice in the room so that they can continue to grow and make connections throughout the state. Kirk pointed out the SAM Update and the SAM Strategic Goals document. Kirk walked through the COVID document and let them know about the updates that have been made to this document. He referenced the 6 feet to 3 feet update that has come from the CDC. Kirk talked about the ESSER II and III appropriations. SAM and MT-PEC have put in a great amount of work in connection with ESSE funds. Lastly, Kirk stated that on March 4, MT-PEC reported out on the vaccination process for school personnel. Kirk also referenced the Legislative Session information. He mentioned that SAM will be keeping META up to date with the Call To Actions. Kirk discussed the SAM LPLP Program and success that it has had and the growth. Kirk is happy to serve as Executive Director. Work has been fulfilling.

6. Regional Director Reports – *Regional Directors*

Hi-Line - Travis Baumann - No report

North Central - Jeredene Mayfield talked about the incredible learning curve that everyone has gone through. April 23rd there will be a face to face regional meeting. Their region has increased their META Membership. Happy to have more folks.

North West - Detlef Schlieper - No report

Western - Paul Kozlowitz - No report

4 Rivers - Mindy Obert stated that she is stepping away from her position. Her replacement will be Mitch Irvine. It will still be a Co-Director position with Brad Somers. Mindy is ready for some change.

South Central - Darlene Hess is new to her role and has not had a recent meeting and hoping to have one next month. She mentioned that Wendy Strauch will be retiring from Laurel.

Central - Adam Toombs - Things are steady in their region and wanted to give a thanks for the successful conference.

South East - Branson Rogers - He mentioned the meeting in December and haven't had another meeting since. He is now the Boiler Operator as well and has been keeping busy in the last few months. He will be ready for an April meeting.

7. Committee Updates – *Committee Chairs*

Delegate Assembly - Rich not present today. No report from Rich. Kirk stated that we are planning to host the Delegate Assembly face to face in June.

Committee Update - Carol mentioned the Montana Cyber-Security Response Team (MT-CERT) work they have done with OPI to get information out. There is a system in place for OPI to contact a certain individual in case there is an incident.

Everett talked about the legislative reports that have been conducted and the work that has been done between Kirk and Rick Duncan. The Calls to Action have been effective.

Professional Learning - Carol asked for feedback from the conference and discussed the items that attendees wanted to hear more about. Google is going to potentially work with META to present again in the near future.

8. Old Business

1. Election of Regional Directors– *Everett Holm*

Everett discussed that each region conducts their own election process. There is no mandatory process to make this happen.

2. Annual Review of [META Strategic Plan](#) – *Everett Holm*

Everett encouraged folks to review this plan and make sure they are in tune to what the goals are. He talked about the META Board Retreat and the issues that are discussed at this meeting.

9. New Business

1. Review of [META 2021-22 Proposed Budget](#) – *Everett Holm*

Everett walked through the budget and what the money makers tend to be for META. Carol stated that the conference will generate more revenue than normal due to the fact that there are no expenses for this event. The speakers were either free or paid \$1,500 to present.

2. Awards and recognition

- Outgoing Region Directors – *Everett Holm*
- Years of Service Pins – *Carol Phillips*
- 2021 Technologist of the Year Award presentation– *Everett Holm*
- 2021 Empowered Superintendent of the Year recognition – *Carol Phillips*

10. Open Discussion - Items for discussion from the membership

Carol encouraged everyone to fill out their survey so that we can provide a better experience for the following year. Everett stated that if you complete the survey you can receive the OPI renewal units.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:22PM

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](#)

Respectfully Submitted,
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