

# SAM Board of Directors Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

3:00pm – 3:45pm

[UberConference](#)



In Attendance: Peter Hamilton, Dale Olinger, Craig Crawford, Mike Perry, Casey Klasna, Cal Ketchum, Cathy Maloney, Michelle Halberg, Pam Meier, Rick Duncan, Shelley Andres, Nicole Trahan, Brian Norwood, Shawn Hendrickson, Kirk Miller, Gary Wagner, Kim Scofield

Not in Attendance: Laurie Barron, Barb Droessler, Marlin Lewis, Jake Haynes, Justin Helvik

President Hamilton called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

## Agenda

### 1. Introductions

President Hamilton entertained introductions.

### 2. Deletions/Additions to Agenda

None noted.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- [SAM Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 4-9-20](#)

**Cal Ketchum made a motion to approve the minutes; Craig Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### 4. Discussion Topics

1. SAM Application and [Approval](#) of COVID [Payroll Protection Plan](#) Loan 2020  
Kirk reviewed the Payroll Protection Plan application and approval. He explained that it is a loan but would be fully forgiven if at least 75% of the loan amount is used for payroll. The SAM office will apply for loan forgiveness when available.
2. Consideration of SAM Administrator Institute 2020 [Format](#) and Delivery [Action]  
Kirk reviewed the research that has taken place concerning the delivery of SAM AI 2020. He also reviewed the guidance and best practices for school re-entry and recovery after pandemic documents that are being created at the state level stating that he believes this topic will provide timely focus zones for SAM AI 2020. Kirk reviewed the format and structure that has been created to this point for the conference. The conference sessions will be held synchronously.

**Rick Duncan made a motion to approve the virtual delivery of SAM AI 2020; Cathy Maloney seconded the motion.**

Cal thanked the SAM office for their time in researching the process. Mike echoed Cal's sentiments. Kirk stated that registration should be sent to the SAM membership soon. Rick stated that out-of-state administrators could be recruited to attend the conference as well as SAM members. Kirk stated that by making the decision now, we will be able to dissolve the contract

with the conference site without a fee. Expenditures for a virtual conference will be significantly less than holding a face-to-face conference.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

3. ASE Summer Conference 2020 in Montana Status  
Kirk explained that the ASE Summer Conference 2020 scheduled to be held in Montana has been canceled and will be conducted virtually.
4. SAM President-Elect [Ballot](#)  
Kirk stated that the ballot is due by May 18th.
5. SAM Board Web Meeting June 11, 2020
  - SAM Investment/Finance Committee 8:00 am
  - New Board Member Orientation 9:00 am
  - Board Meeting 10:00 am–1:00 pmKirk reviewed the schedule stating that the meetings will be held virtually. He stated that the SAM Board members do not transition until after the June meeting.
6. [MCEL 2020](#) Status  
Kirk explained that the MCEL partners are meeting on Friday to discuss the status of holding MCEL face-to-face. He knows that at least two of the partners plan to vote to hold the conference virtually.
7. [SAM Financial Report FY 18-19 and FY 2019-20 as of 3-31-2020 with Proposed FY 2020-21 Budget](#)  
Kirk reviewed the financial report. Action on the proposed budget will take place on June 11th.
8. [Membership Report](#)  
Kirk reviewed the membership report. He stated that SAM has worked diligently during the pandemic to communicate to our members the value of their membership.

**5. Affiliate Reports – *Affiliate Presidents***

**6. Advocacy Update – *Rick Duncan (DA Steering Committee Chair)***

- [SAM Delegate Assembly 2020](#)
  - [SAM 2019 Advocacy Priorities, Positions, Resolutions Approved 10-18-19](#)
  - [Call for Positions and Resolutions, Selecting Delegates](#)Rick stated that SAM Delegate Assembly has been moved to July 30th. The deadline for resolutions and positions is June 1st. The priorities will be voted on by the SAM membership in October.
- Legislative Interim Advocacy – [Committees, Upcoming](#)  
Rick stated that the interim committees have been meeting and SAM has been providing input concerning funding to the committees.
- [Federal Advocacy](#)  
Rick stated that research has been conducted around the distribution of the CARES Act money. SAM submitted a statement to urge changes to the allocation of the funding. The

state is currently considering dispersing Equitable Services funding to private schools based on enrollment numbers instead of Title I (low socio-economic) numbers. This creates an inequitable distribution (shift) of funds to non-public schools, and we should all be concerned about that. Rick stated that SAM signed on to a letter from the national affiliates concerning E-Rate funding and the homework gap.

- SCOTUS consideration of [Espinoza vs. MT Dept of Revenue](#) – [SCOTUS Blog](#), [Ballotpedia](#), [MQEC Update](#)

Rick stated that a ruling is expected in June.

Kirk thanked Rick and the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee for their work and ability to quickly take action on issues.

## 7. Future Meeting Dates

- [Board Meetings 2019-20 & Conferences 2019-20](#)
- [Board Meetings 2020-21 & Conferences 2020-21](#)

Kirk stated that the conference schedule will be updated due to action taken by the SAM Board today.

## 8. Adjournment

**Mike Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Shelley Andres seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM.

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