

SAM Delegate Assembly 2018

Notice to Presidents for Selecting Delegates 1-12-18

Hi SAM Affiliate Presidents,

Now is the time to begin preparing for the SAM Delegate Assembly scheduled for June 14-15, 2018 in Helena at the SAM Office. The first part of the process is to select Delegates to represent the affiliates. Presidents of the affiliates have the responsibility to assure that the Delegates of your affiliate have been selected. See the [SAM Bylaws](#), Article VI Delegate Assembly – for full explanation.

I'm asking each of you to use the process established by your affiliate and select the number of Delegates allowed for your affiliate, and forward those names (and region they represent) to me (at samkm@sammt.org) by Friday, April 27, 2018!

Reminder: your Delegate Assembly Steering Committee member should serve as one of the delegates from your affiliate. Delegates allowed by affiliate are: MASS - 10, MASSP - 10, MAEMSP - 10, MCASE - 5, MACSS - 5, META - 5. The SAM Bylaws require regional representation for these slots (see the [SAM Region Map](#) to review the five SAM regions – note these are different than your affiliate regions). MASS, MASSP, and MAEMSP should work to get 2 delegates from each of the five regions. MCASE, MACSS, and META should work to get 1 delegate from each of the five regions.

On Monday, January 15, 2018, I will be sending the Call for Delegate Assembly Positions and Resolutions 2018 to the entire membership of SAM, so I'm giving you a heads up what the Call will look like...

SAM Call for Delegate Assembly Positions and Resolutions 2018

School Administrators of Montana (SAM) is calling for Positions and Resolutions on legislative or advocacy issues that members want to bring before the Delegate Assembly (scheduled for June 14-15, 2018 in Helena) and the full Membership at MCEL (scheduled for October 17-19, 2018 in Missoula) for consideration. Please submit resolutions to the SAM office for consideration by **Friday, April 27, 2018**. The process is designed to allow SAM member Affiliates time to discuss proposals for Positions and Resolutions at the Caucus meetings on the afternoon of June 14, prior to the Delegate Assembly on June 15.

Here are some suggestions if you are considering a Position or Resolution for submission to assist SAM, the Delegates, and the full membership:

- ✓ State the action you are calling on SAM to address
- ✓ If it is not readily apparent from the wording of the resolution, provide any citations to legal statutes or rules that the resolution is proposing to amend (if you know)
- ✓ Provide some background information or rationale that explains your perspective on why the position or resolution should be considered by Delegate Assembly and the Membership. If the proposal involves contemplation of additional funding, please research and include an estimated fiscal note.
- ✓ Check to see if language in a current Position or Resolution already exists in the [SAM Advocacy Priorities, Positions and Resolutions](#) adopted by the SAM membership last October. This document can also serve as an example of how to write a Position or Resolution. If a similar Position or Resolution already exists, you would want to determine if you want to submit a substitute (new) Position or Resolution, or if you would just want to request revisions to what is currently written.

- ✓ Contact your Affiliate Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Member (see below) to discuss details or any questions you might have about the Position or Resolution you intend to submit.
- ✓ Send the Position or Resolution request via email to Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director at samkm@sammt.org by **Friday, April 27, 2018** so it can be prepared for the Delegate Assembly Caucus scheduled for the afternoon of June 14. A copy should also be sent to your Affiliate President and your Affiliate Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Member.

Documents For Review

[SAM Advocacy Priorities, Positions and Resolutions](#) adopted by the SAM membership last October. This document can serve as an example of how to write a Position or Resolution.

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Thanks for your review and effort to help SAM prepare our Advocacy package prior to the 2019 Legislative Session.

Kirk