

MAEMSP Membership Business Meeting

Business Meeting Minutes

Holiday Inn ● Great Falls, MT

Thursday, January 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Jon Konen, President of MAEMSP.

Board Members in attendance: President - Jon Konen, President-Elect – Lance Boyd, Vice President - Chris Stout; Past President & Federal Relations Coordinator – Brenda Krueger; SAM Board Representative – Dale Olinger; Rick Chrisman - SAM Board Representative; State Representative – State Representative; Dave Wick, Middle School Representative; Steve Fanning, Southwestern Director; John Gorton, Eastern Director; Courtney Bake, North Central Director; Tad Schye, Northeastern Director; Shelley Andres, Western Director; Bruce Whitehead, Retired Representative; Kirk Miller, Executive Director; and Pat Audet, Associate Director

Members absent: Dick Trerise

President's Report/Message

Jon Konen reported a bit on the financial totals and the membership numbers. He also mentioned the 6 affiliates plus the institutional membership. Jon described the #samedchat and Adrian Advicncula. John mentioned the blog of Gary Kidd and his wonderful blog. Jon also described the possibility of the combined conference of MAEMSP and MASSP for next year. He give his board of directors thanks. He also acknowledged the SAM staff.

Executive Director Report

Kirk Miller opened up with thanks to the MAEMSP board. He also thanked all of the administrators in the room. Kirk mentioned that all materials are also on the SAM website and demonstrated that. He then went into the 2nd quarter financial report for MAEMSP. Kirk also gave a short description of the strategic plan.

Kirk then went through the advocacy of the SAM organization. He then went through the legislative information found on the SAM website, and described how updates are distributed. He described a couple of the bills especially HB 191 – the inflationary funding bill. Kirk also went through the changes, adjustments and increase of MT school funding. He did mention the shift of the funding burden could be shifted to the property taxes if the state says that they cannot afford it.

Kirk then acknowledged the Board of Public Ed and Tammy Lacey as a board member. He also described today's meeting with the State Supt of Instruction.

State Representative's Report

Carole McKittrick went through the membership of MAEMSP – 325 this year compared to 321 last year. She also mentioned the search for the national executive director. She also described the NAESP National Leaders Conference and the process. Carole also described the National Principals Conference

in Philadelphia this next July. She also mentioned the VP race for NAESP and that Dave Wick is the candidate that we need to get elected.

Federal Relations Director's Report

Brenda Krueger mentioned the ESSA, principal professional development, etc. and other topics of which they are proponents. She mentioned the ESSA summary that is on the NAESP website; MT has already submitted a plan. Brenda also described the stance against the appt. of Betsy DeVos for Education Secretary and the probability of her appointment. She described the Principals Action Plan for ESSA. She also described the advocacy for funding at the federal level. Brenda's report is on the website.

Regional Director Reports:

Northeastern Region – Tad Schye

Tad reported that they've had 5 meetings already – all is going well with round table discussions.

North Central Region – Courtney Bake

Courtney reported on one meeting – round table meeting – ESSA, School Choice Issue, local rep visitation, classroom management techniques, and oone good thing that happened to them.

Southwest Region – Steve Fanning

Steve stated that they have had one meeting – hopefully get more people involved.

Western Region – Shelley Andres

Shelley reported PD and the wonderful opportunity here at the conference. They have had one meeting so far; next one is on Feb. 8. They will be sending an email to get a vote for the NAESP VP.

Eastern Region – John Gorton

John reported about a couple meetings and that not well attended but good meetings with round table discussions and conversations.

Other Representative Reports:

SAM Representatives – Rick Chrisman & Dale Olinger

Dale reported that SAM is very healthy and well taken care of and thanked the leadership. The SAM membership is up over a thousand – 1013 members. He also mentioned the SAM Legislative Network. Dale also described the new financial strategies and investments of SAM.

OPI Representative's Report – Dick Trerise – (absent)

Retired Representative's Report – Bruce Whitehead

Bruce reported on the retirement – retirees are a great resource; ask them for info.

MAEMSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative's Report – Bruce Whitehead

Bruce described what the steering committee and its process. He also recognized the new administrators, and thanked and acknowledged them.

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1. National Principals Conference 2017 – Jon mentioned this briefly – described earlier.
2. NAESP Vice President - Election of Dave Wick – Jon described the process of voting for Dave for Vice President of NAESP. Two people will be running from the same region. Voting starts on March 29 through the April 11.

Dave addressed the audience and described his candidacy. Dave acknowledged Steven Geis, NAESP President. Dave then went through his candidacy speech.

3. MAEMSP Board Election – Lance Boyd

Lance described the elections process and introduced the candidates had them stand as he introduced them.

Brenda further described the process of voting for NAESP VP and the ease of voting.

There being no further business before the Board, there was a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Audet
Associate Director