

# MASS Business Meeting

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Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
11:45 am – 12:15 pm  
President Laurie Barron, Presiding

## Minutes

1. President's Report – *Laurie Barron, MASS President*: Laurie called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.
2. AASA National Conference on Education 2017 Report – *Cal Ketchum and Bob Connors, AASA NCE Scholarship winners*: Cal Ketchum and Bob Connors both thanked everyone involved making their conference trip possible and they appreciated the great learning opportunity. Laurie described the process for the scholarship.
3. Future AASA National Conference on Education 2018 – *Tobin Novasio, MASS President-elect*: Tobin stated that the AASA National Conference on Education will be held February 15-17, 2018 in Nashville, TN and that Kirk, Tobin and the newly elected President-Elect will attend. Tobin encouraged others to apply for the conference incentive scholarship or to attend on their own. He mentioned that eleven MASS members attended this year which was a great representation for Montana.
4. AASA Governing Board/Executive Committee Report – *Jule Walker, Ron Whitmoyer and Leland Stocker*: Laurie mentioned that MASS is fortunate to have three members on the AASA Governing Board. Jule stated that education is no longer about facts, figures, and formulas. It is about closing the opportunity gap. She also stated that MASS is fortunate to have Kirk as the Executive Director as he is recognized and known on the national level. Jule thanked Kirk and the staff at SAM. Jule stated that her three year term on the Governing Board will end in April, but Ron Whitmoyer is applying for Region I position.

Ron stated that MASS is fortunate to have Noelle Ellerson Ng as the federal representative. He referenced the publications that Noelle sends to the association and reminded attendees to pay close attention to the communication that goes out to each member, as both Dennis Gerke and Noelle are sending valuable information. Two letters from Noelle went out last week and are on your table. Pay attention to Dennis Gerke's emails that go out to you.

Leland mentioned that AASA President, David Schuler has done a great job of getting information out about the Redefining Ready Campaign. Leland urged members to try to get a national conference negotiated into benefits because superintendents have unique professional development needs as a superintendent. He thanked Kirk and the SAM staff for making arrangements to NCE for MASS members.

5. AASA Federal Relations Report – *Dennis Gerke, MASS Federal Relations Coordinator*  
Dennis was not in attendance, but Laurie mentioned that we had a great federal relations report from Noelle Ellerson Ng earlier in the day. Laurie also gave an ESSA update: the plan was submitted in December, but a new template has come out requiring three new items. Superintendent Arnzten feels the initial plan was rushed and needs to be reexamined. The new plan is not anticipated to be submitted until September. Laurie urged members to reach out to Superintendent Arnzten to let her know that MASS needs to have input.

Laurie also mentioned that the Federal Relations Coordinator serves a three year term. The member sits on MASS and SAM board and provides communication to MASS members. She welcomed Rick Duncan as the new Federal Relations Coordinator.

6. SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Report – Legislative Update – *Rick Duncan, DA Steering Committee Chair and MASS Representative*: Rick Duncan gave a Legislative Update. He mentioned that he serves as the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Chair and as MASS Representative. The Legislative Session will still be open for 41 days and transmittal is done. He thanked all who have been actively involved. SAM had 85 Delegate Assembly members this year and our message is being heard across the state. He thanked Pat and Kirk for keeping our priorities in the forefront. The Delegate Assembly will meet again in June to set next session's Positions and Resolutions. He also mentioned that MASS could take part in a Superintendent Challenge on a state level like Noelle talked about at the national level – spend 5 minutes, one day a week advocating.
7. SAM Update – *Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director*: Kirk thanked all in attendance for their representation of leadership across Montana. He mentioned that materials from the past two days are on the SAM website and also the SAM Executive Director Update. He stated that the SAM board has supported the launch a new website and Association Management Software, which is database driven. He mentioned that the roll out will take place the first of April. Kirk also described LPLP 3.0, which is ready for the 2017-18 year. He showed an LPLP Resource Center video from Tom Unwin video. LPLP 3.0 is delivery system of professional development that is member driven. Participants pay \$500 and may choose to work with provider. Participants will have access to the resource center. Laurie mentioned that the LPLP program has helped build the communication in her district between her LPLP member and herself.
8. President-Elect Candidate Forum - *Brief speeches by the candidates for President-Elect*: Brief speeches were given by Jim Baldwin and Cal Ketchum, candidates for MASS President-Elect. Voting will be open for two weeks.
9. Unfinished Business: Laurie thanked the vendors for their participation and thanked the members of MASS for allowing her to serve as President of the association. She appreciates of being part of education in Montana. She also congratulated Tobin, the new MASS President.

10. Outgoing President Award - Presented to Laurie Barron by Tobin Novasio. Tobin thanked everyone in attendance and urged members to be part of the Legislative Network. He also thanked Laurie for the great job she has done as MASS President.  
The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kim Scofield, SAM Communications Coordinator