

**MASSP Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Tamarack Room, GranTree Hotel
Bozeman, Montana
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

In attendance: Paul Furthmyre, Peter Fusaro, Dennis Davenport, Peter Hamilton, Joel Graves, Dan Kimzey, KJ Poepping, Rhiannon Beery, Les Meyer, Lynne Scalia, Michele Paine, Kirk Miller, Gary Wagner, Pat Audet

Absent: None

President Furthmyre called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asked that the members introduce themselves.

There are no changes or deletions for this agenda (\$1800 needs to go to MASC – check will need to be written upon return to the office)

A motion was made by Pete Hamilton and seconded by Dennis Davenport to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

President's Report – Paul Furthmyre

Paul reported that membership is up to 214 from 213 last year for MASSP-NASSP.

Paul reported on upcoming conference for next two days – 85 registrants are signed up. Paul discussed evaluation presentation from Sharon McCarthy and that her fees are paid for due to MT being a Unified State with NASSP. With this, MASSP receives \$10,000 in voucher funds. Sharon will be an energetic presenter for our members and others. Paul covered rest of agenda with the board. He stressed to visit the vendors when provided time. He mentioned the new EdCamp format in place of the cracker barrels.

Paul gave an update on the NASSP Ignite Conference in San Diego. He mentioned the Conference Incentive award in which Joel Graves was the winner and participant this year. He described a couple of speaker presentations and that the conference was well done overall. He also wanted to look at a future plan to check on all MT principals who might attend so that they can get together. Other 4 spoke on the conference also.

1st Vice President Report – Peter Fusaro

Awards – Peter discussed the order of awards and presenters for Thursday's Awards Luncheon. Peter also discussed specific entities of the 2015 conference. He then described next year's conference in Helena at Great Northern. He mentioned that Eliza Sorte would be available for presentation (curriculum). There will be no pre-conference next year again. Peter also stated that EdCamps can be looked at once again vs. cracker barrels.

2nd Vice President Report – Dan Kimzey

Dan reported that Dennis will be the only retiree present at the conference for recognition. Dan introduced *Michele Paine, MASSP – MASC Liaison* who reported about the 2014 conference last October which had 362 participants. Next year's conference will be in October in Great Falls. The support of MASSP is wonderful and will appreciate the \$1800 donation coming soon. Greta Gustafson (Cut Bank) is the student rep on the Board of Public Education. We will give a membership away to a school during this conference. Michele asked if there was anything that was needed by through the eyes of the board. Les Meyer discussed the availability of "follow through" with the ideas that they get from these conferences – students making that connection with Leadership skills. Dan Kimzey mentioned developing a plan of action at conference for making these ideas into action at their schools. Lynne Scalia mentioned the problem of bringing the disenfranchised kids in and get them involved in student council. Michele reported that her 1st year went well and was busy. Paul Furthmyre reported on how the position of MASSP Student Council Liaison was created last year.

Past President's Report – Les Meyer

Les mentioned that pins were covered in Peter Fusaro's report. He also stated that Joel Graves is the lone applicant and will give a speech at the business meeting and a ballot/voting process will be set up after the conference for electing this position.

State Coordinator's Report – Paul Furthmyre

Paul gave a report NASSP Region VII. The region officers meet once a year in Las Vegas. Representatives on the NASSP board are great for reporting concerns from each of the Region 7 states. Region 7 is the largest region. Paul reported that he has constant availability of contact with Federal Govt. Reps – Tester, Daines, and Zinke. Paul stated that he is highly involved in the advocacy at the federal level. He also reported on the ESEA reauthorization.

Legislature and Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Report – Paul Furthmyre

Paul reported on the advocacy with Delegate Assembly and legislation. He discussed the critical nature of getting in touch with legislators. The Call to Action was brought up and how that process works in contact of legislators for receiving or hearing messages during the process of a high alert bill. It was also mentioned the efficiency and success of the SAM Legislative Network and Call to Action plus the ease of use.

Delegate Assembly is coming up in June and there are two resolutions (Paul stated that MASSP needs 10 MASSP for DA on June 11th and 12th); one representative from each region and executive board members. Kirk described the importance of the Delegate Assembly and providing a game plan for advocacy and testimony. It is important that all regions are represented.

Regional Directors' Reports

Region I – Joel Graves – Region I had two meetings so far. The challenge is finding a spot where everyone can attend. Kirk and Dennis Parman came to present at one meeting where there was a good turnout. He also reported on the diversity of classes represented.

Region II – Peter Hamilton – Peter reported that Region II has went the other way where there is more discussion of topics within and do not have many outside presenters. He indicated that the principal population has decreased due to some becoming Superintendents. They get 7-10 participants on an

average where they meet in Great Falls. Peter mentioned that they tried a remote meeting with Google hangouts and it was okay but not that effective.

Region III – Lynne Scalia – Lynne reported that they meet monthly instead of quarterly to get into a good routine of networking. They get 7-10 members for participation. Region members feel it is very helpful to meet more often. They have brought math teachers and professors from MSU. She felt it is harder for principals to get away vs. superintendents. The AA principals have a difficult time attending. Lynne said that they meet routinely meet in Three Forks but may try other areas next year. Joel commented that having a AA liaison is helpful to try and get those principals participating. It was also mentioned that the idea of scheduling a visitation to other school buildings and observing action in educational innovation is a good process for regions.

Region IV – Rhiannon Beery – Region 4 meets every month in Wolf Point. The largest representation is from Class A. She mentioned that losing George Rider and Bruce Clausen did affect the region meetings as far as informational access. They looked for more presenters this year. The region did combined K-12 meetings this year and has a May meeting that is an annual combined meeting. May 6th is next the next meeting and Kirk will be presenting at the meeting.

Region V – Dennis Davenport – Region V had a winter meeting. Kim Stanton from OPI presented. They also discussed legislative issues. Bo Lingle will be next Region V Director next year. The next meeting will be in Baker to end the year. During tourneys, Region V will sometimes have an ad-hoc meeting because they are all there. The region did lose St. Labre's participation due to change in administration this past year. A combined meeting of Region IV and V is a possibility.

Region VI – KJ Poepping – Region VI has had one meeting this year. There are no Billings attendees for Region VI meetings. He stated that they have a regular group of about 8 participants. It is a challenge to get principals to attend.

Executive Director Report - Kirk Miller. A full report was made available to the board electronically and is attached to these minutes and also in the board packets. Kirk encouraged the board to read through the summation of where it is at with the strategic plan and the 4 goals. Kirk reported on how important it is to attend the regional meetings and the opportunity it presents in networking. He urged the region directors to continue the informal network and problem solve the best you can in getting more participants. He added that the networking is encouraging to leave with after each meeting.

Kirk described the current, tentative agenda of the SAM Administrative Institute. He also described the LPLP program for professional development for 15-16. Kirk mentioned the ACA employer information is now available from MUST. He also described the goal and format of the MQEC and its watch over the Montana Constitution – this is the group that decides to bring litigation against any bill that gets through with unconstitutional components.

Old Business

1. MASSP Finance and Budget Report

Kirk reported on the financials and the proposed budget. He went over the profit and loss for MASSP 2014-15. MASSP is at 89% at what was budgeted for revenue. MASSP is at 75% at what was budgeted for expenses. The proposed budget for MASSP is \$128,055 for 15-16 in revenue. The \$128,055 is also the budgeted for expenditure. Kirk also explained the membership incentive bonus for more members

(additional 11 of 208 members projected will bring in \$1095 more as bonus – 219 is the goal). Kirk went over each line item and what is budgeted for each.

A motion was made by Pete Hamilton and seconded by Dennis Davenport to recommend the 15-16 Proposed Budget for MASSP.

Vote: Unanimous

2. Consideration of Revisions to MASSP Offices, Duties, and Responsibilities Handbook (ODR) – Paul opened the floor to discuss the ODR. He explained the basis of the ODR. National Leadership Conference needs to be deleted from the July for President. The SAM office will clean up the MASC language so that it conveys what was discussed with the Liaison and 2nd VP assignments.

A motion was made by Lynne Scalia and seconded by Joel Graves to accept the changes in the Offices, Duties, and Responsibilities Handbook.

Vote: Unanimous

New Business

1. Consideration of MASC Donation - \$1800

A motion was made by Dan Kimzey and seconded by Peter Fusaro to approve donation of \$1800 to the MASC.

Vote: Unanimous

2. Consideration of New Board Member Orientation at the SAM Administrators Institute, July 27-30, 2015 – The board could get together for this orientation where there is a gap during the 27th workshop or meet that same evening.

A motion was made by Dan Kimzey and seconded by Peter Fusaro to approve new board orientation for July 27, 2015 of SAM AI during the evening of the New Leaders Workshop.

Vote: Unanimous

3. Discussion about increasing communication – Peter will develop a plan for increasing the communication component from MASSP.

A motion was made by Peter Hamilton and seconded by Lynne Scalia to adjourn -

Vote: Unanimous

Adjournment at 8:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Audet
Associate Director