

MASSP Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2016
Iron Horse Room, Great Northern Hotel
Helena, Montana
6:00 pm

In attendance: Peter Fusaro, Paul Furthmyre (6:21), Joel Graves, Dan Kimzey, Peter Hamilton, Rhiannon Beery, Hannah Nieskens (for Lynn Scalia), Bo Lingle, Michele Paine, Kirk Miller, Pat Audet

Absent: KJ Poepping

President Peter Fusaro called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and asked that the members introduce themselves.

There are no changes or deletions for this agenda.

Approval of MASSP Board Minutes for 4-15-15.

A motion was made by Peter Fusaro and seconded by Joel Graves to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

President's Report – Peter Fusaro – Peter went over the membership and numbers and that contacts were made to get the membership up. MASSP should be up in membership next year. He also covered some areas of the conference coming up tomorrow. He asked that board members try to be there early to welcome members to the conference. He described some of the presenters and some activity that will be part of the conference. He gave a quick overview and description of the EdCamps. Those that are part of the LPLP program will be speaking on behalf of the program. Peter showed the shirts that will be given as prizes. The 50-50 will be sold tomorrow – board members. Dan will lead the Pledge to open the Business Meeting on Friday. He gave a great description of presentations with Michele Paine and Corey Clarke. Peter gave an overview of the NASSP Ignite 16 conference in Orlando and also mentioned who attended. From experiencing in Orlando, Dan will be working on getting Mel Riddile next MASSP conference plus Fundamental Five. Paul mentioned the NASSP/NAESP Conference in Philadelphia. Michele described the APOY Program during the NASSP Ignite 16 – Great professional learning and networking experience. Peter mentioned future thoughts on conference site – Helena or Bozeman. The conference numbers are a little low – discussion on why that might be. Should there be a rotation between Helena and Bozeman – every two years, one year? Joel agreed that there should be a rotation between east and west. Good discussion ensued and this will also be brought to the membership during the Business Meeting. Kirk explained that SAM has the purchasing power with all of the conferences that are held under the umbrella. Next year, MASSP is set for April 6 & 7. A discussion was held on a possible combining of conferences between MAEMSP and MASSP – ongoing consideration but no commitment. MASSP will be looked at in Bozeman for 2018 and back to Helena in 2019. Possible dates: April 12-13, 2018 – April 4-5, 2019.

President-Elect Report – Dan Kimzey - Dan went over the awards and the awardees. He also discussed the presenters. He also mentioned that Jim Goltz will be giving a presentation on the NASSP Conference

as the Conference Incentive Award winner. The retirees were discussed in detail plus the pin presentations. Dan also covered some plans for the 2017 conference – legislative advocacy plus Fundamental Five. The legislative aspect will not be the theme but a part of the conference. It is felt that the Fundamental Five will be a good draw. Another thought is to have an NASSP sponsored speaker using the voucher. An analysis was done on the MASSP budget to project costs for next year's conference. Dan also mentioned that comedy group – Nina G. may also be a consideration for this conference. An entire afternoon will need to be set aside for attending the Legislative session – set as a preconference on Wednesday afternoon was discussed.

Vice President Report – Joel Graves – Joel covered more on the retirees and that he will be presenting to Fred Anderson – and 2018 is set for MASSP Conference site.

MASC Liaison - Michele Paine reported on MASC and what activities are going on. The student rep from the board of public education was chosen– Molly DeMarco from CMR in Great Falls. This is a two year commitment. Dylan Haggert is the alternate from Missoula Sentinel. The Fall Conference was held – 500 attendees participated. Glasgow will be hosting next year's MASC Fall Conference. MASC thanked the MASSP for the \$1800 donation where it helps pay for training of students. The NASSP Conference will be held in Portland in June. This is a great opportunity to attend due to being closer. MASC is grateful for the partnership with MASC. Peter gave a bit of history of how the MASC Liaison came to be. Michele has done this for two years.

Past President's Report – Paul Furthmyre described the pins presentation and the MASSP VP Candidate forum with Peter Hamilton.

State Coordinator's Report – Paul Furthmyre discussed the Region 7 and described how he might look in the future at the Middle School At Large seat on the Region 7 Board. Las Vegas is usually the site for the Region 7 meeting but it will be in Seattle next year in September. Region 7 also meets each year at the National Convention. The ESSA is a hot topic right now. The shift is going back from the national to the state level. Civil rights groups were opposed to this at the larger city level but smaller population states were more for this. The Professional Development for Principals is another component of ESSA and should be put into the funding formula. Paul also described the Learn Act – Striving Readers Act and how Montana needs to go after that – a competitive grant. Paul stressed that we need to be vocal about our professional development. We also need to get vocal about the funding for our schools. He also discussed the hot topic of privatization and the latest decision on SB 410 and an injunction to not require the Montana Department of Revenue Rule 1 be enforced at state district court level. This matter is also in the courts at the federal level. Special Education funding is another hot topic at the legislative level come 2017. Paul gave a great overview how to raise advocacy at your district level when there is a call for action. Paul asked for feedback about National Honor Society's dues going up. NHS has increased the amount of scholarship money which is good. However, students' must apply for these. He asked the region directors to let their folks know about this in your region meetings. More activity and national conferences will be planned more for the west if members show interest at the Region 7 level.

Legislature and Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Report – Peter Fusaro & Paul Furthmyre - Peter Fusaro described the DA process and how MASSP has 10 delegates – Paul is a delegate due to his Steering Committee appointment representing MASSP. He described how important this process is. He mentioned the makeup of who is on this year's DA. Paul stated how important that all 10 members are there and provided an example. The delegate assembly will be on June 16 and 17, 2016. Kirk mentioned that the DA Steering Committee will be meeting tomorrow night to set the assembly plan.

He also described the process of the caucus and the assembly day. Kirk showed the calendar of events in June.

Regional Directors' Reports

Region I – Joel Graves reported that Jake Haynes will be the next region director. He also discussed the next presentations that will be held at the next meeting including a presentation on the Job Corps. They will meet at Hamilton High School.

Region II – Peter Hamilton reported about 3 speakers attending meetings held, that they have changed more to local speakers, and had Greg Upham from Helena presenting on ACT testing and results. Three AA principals attended the last meeting. He reported that Nate Achenbach will be the next AP at Great Falls High. They will be looking at working on common assessment on Alg. I and get the math teachers involved. He also mentioned that they have discussed the NHS and the raise of dues – reported that Fairfield will be getting out of the NHS and just be local district NHS.

Region III – Hannah Nieksens gave report for Lynne Scalia – she reported on how they have focused on suicide prevention due to events that have happened. Some schools like Townsend have developed their prevention plan. They have also had Job Corps presentation and training and students needing an alternate path without losing ANB. They also had presentations on Big Sky Pathways. They meet 6 times a year.

Region IV – Rhiannon Beery reported on how they meet monthly except two months – taper off in the spring. She reported on how hard it is losing experienced administrators to retirement in their region. They will meet in May again. They want to get back the guidance counselor involvement for next year.

Region V – Bo Lingle reported on how they meet in Miles City – attendance has been sporadic. They have been getting Native American schools more involved with a goal of helping them to feel less isolated. They bring in routine presenters like Kim Stanton and much networking occurs through that.

Region VI – KJ Poepping (absent)

Executive Director Report - Kirk Miller reported that a written report is online on the SAM website – lots of activity is happening on advocacy and professional learning. He showed the various links that board members can click on to see details what is going on at the SAM level and with our members. He also stressed the SAM Administrators Institute 2016 (July 25-28), describing the conference agenda each day. He mentioned the theme and described the presentations. Kirk also mentioned the partnership with MTASCD and how they will have a Summit at the conference on Monday. He promoted the idea of district teams attending and the opportunity of this professional learning. Kirk also gave a short overview of the budget earlier but described a couple more details for revenue vs. expenditures. Kirk described how SAM promotes conference attendance and membership to the Superintendents in supporting their administration/principals. Peter will remind the conference attendees about renewing membership dues for 16-17 – applications will be at the registration table.

A motion was made by Peter Hamilton; seconded by Dan Kimzey to approve the 16-17 proposed budget.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Old Business

A. Finalize Duties and Responsibilities - The proposed change of State Coordinator being a constant member of the Delegate Assembly will not be implemented due to re defining the state coordinator – Page 9 and 10 and page 13.

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

Vote: Passed Unanimously

New Business

- a. Update Constitution & Bylaws – clarify the proposed section referencing the executive director language to indicate the SAM Executive Director shall serve as the MASSP Executive Director – keep the rest of the statement.

A motion was made by Rhiannon Beery and seconded by Joel Graves to approve updates to the Constitution.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

More work will be looked at in updating the Constitution later. This will be addressed at the MASSP Business Meeting.

- b. Update of Strategic Plan – 2014 was last update.

Peter Hamilton made a motion to table strategic plan for next year; seconded by Joel.

Vote: Passed unanimously

- c. Webpage Update- the labels of officers need to be changed on the MASSP Board of Directors – Update first and 2nd VP. The SAM office staff will get this done.

Other:

- a. MASSP Business Meeting 4-8-16 – 8:00 a.m.
- b. NASSP Conference Incentive Award Presentation– Jim Goltz
- c. Brief Speech – VP Candidate Peter Hamilton

A motion was made by Peter Hamilton and seconded by Paul Furthmyre to adjourn meeting.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Adjournment at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Audet
Associate Director