

# META General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

4:30 pm

METAtechED Conference – Great Northern Hotel, Helena MT

## MINUTES

*Present:* Those registered for the META Conference 2017 and the META Board.

*Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order by Past President Russ Hendrickson at 4:38 pm.

*Approval  
of Agenda*

**Motion made by Brad to approve the agenda; seconded by Dave.  
Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

*Approval of Minutes* Board of Directors Meeting DRAFT Minutes on 3/15/16

**Motion made by Paul to approve the minutes; seconded by Brad  
Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

4:35 President Report – *Rich Lawrence (absent - no report)*

4:40 [Executive Director Report](#) – *Kirk Miller* opened on behalf of the SAM Team and then pointed them to the website for the executive board report. He then discussed the following two items:

- The new SAM website and database with MemberClicks – Kirk demonstrated and showed the website. He also mentioned the communication by communities on the new database. This also interfaces with the business end – conference registration will be easier with payment option of credit card. The membership drive will be electronic with all members and memberships on one push-out. Mindy asked about tying or linking the META Google site with the SAM membership. Todd could work on this with the new site. Todd mentioned that Rich and he are waiting on the new site to materialize.
- The new LPLP 3.0 – Kirk tried to show the video by Tom Unwin. It needed a download. Kirk just described the LPLP to the membership.

4:55 Regional Director Reports – *Regional Directors*

- NC - Dave introduced Talia as new co-director. There will be a presentation from TEST next meeting. They've had 3 meetings so far. They held a discussion on value of CoSN membership.
- 4R - Mindy reported that they've had 3 members. We had an increase in membership. She introduced Brad as co-director.
- W - Deanna reported on 3 meetings so far. They discussed membership in META with strategic plan and membership benefits with CoSN. They discussed network security.
- SC - Mark reported on a Tech Talk about Erate hosted by ByteSpeed. They had 3 regular meetings. The SC and C had a combined meeting where they toured the new Roundup school. They are working on the Rachel Pie project.
- HL - Kelly reported on the hi-line region trying to get more districts involved. She mentioned Travis as the co-director
- SE - Branson stated that he has had two meetings so far and hoping for more attendance.
- NE - Anita reported on two meetings where one was on Erate.

5:10

#### Committee Updates

- [CoSN State Chapter update](#) – *Russ Hendrickson* reported on the pilot program for the MT State Chapter – will continue for 17-18. Russ went through each report piece from the chapter update written by Russ. He also mentioned that he will be going to the national conference that Rich attended last year. Russ also mentioned the CTE program from CoSN.

- General Committee & Strategic Plan update – *Rich Lawrence (absent and no report)*
- Advocacy Committee – *Todd Lark* reported on delegate assembly and the resolutions; Russ also mentioned and described the SAM Legislative Network.
- Professional Learning – *Brian Norwood* reported on the conference planning; Mindy recognized Brian, Gary Wagner, Russ Hendrickson
- Organization Development – *Brad Somers* reported on the draft work that Mark has done on the META Policy handbook; Mark did a great job and it will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.
- Technologist of the Year Process – There were many nominations this year. He sent out the nominations to the region directors and they selected the winner which is announced later,
- META Security Sub-Committee Planning – *Russ Hendrickson* reported current progress of the committee plus the partnership with MASS (supts). He described the history and the rationale for creating the sub-committee. There will be a package of sources to help schools across the state. He also described the partnership with MASS who will help disperse package. There are a ton of resources coming from committee members like Pine Cove, etc.

5:45

Dinner is Served

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#### Old Business

1. Election of Regional Directors – *Rich Lawrence* – Russ described the process. Dave and Talia will continue for Central. Mindy and Brad will continue; Deanna will continue; Glenn will continue; Mark Branger will continue; John will be asking for election of new region director; Branson will continue; Kelly and Travis will continue; Anita will be asking for election of NE region director.

6:00

#### New Business

1. [Approval of META 2017-18 Proposed Budget](#) – Russ (in place of Rich) went over the 17-18 Proposed Budget with the membership.
  - META dues were also discussed. He also discussed the fees that cover board member expenses.  
Motion made by Gary Toombs to approve the 17-18 proposed budget except for dues – proposed \$10 increase to dues; Discussion: Mindy brought up group rates for bigger schools and companies with more than one technologist. Pat brought up other rates of the other affiliates to show that they charge more for dues as compared to META. Glenn brought up the idea of enticing more members with different fee structure of possible discounted fee structure. The membership would like to look at alternative dues structures. Gary withdrew the motion.

**Brad made a motion to approve the 17-18 proposed budget; Dave seconded.  
Vote: Passed unanimously**

2. Approval of Revision to [META Constitution](#) to Add Board Member Position – Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative (Requires 2/3 Approval) – Brian reported on the

rationale of proposing this addition; Todd explained his position as DA Steering committee member. Russ explained that vendors could be on the board. Should a vendor be a delegate steering committee member?

- **Motion was made by Gary to approve adding the position to the board; second by Mindy.**

**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

3. E-rate Consulting Plan - [NCCE Partnership with META](#) – *Todd Lark* reported on the rationale and history of the consulting plan and the NCCE Partnership and where this has arrived in partnering with NCCE. He described the process with training. Todd introduced Eric Chambers to speak from NCCE. Eric spoke on the 80 districts that are not involved in E-rate in MT. Eric described the professional learning, training, and need for help to those districts. He described the large conference that NCCE provides. He stressed that they are not here to replace Jack and John or their replacements. The partnership is focused on those districts that are not applying. They are providing a breakout session tomorrow.
4. Awards and recognition
  - Outgoing directors – Brian announced the outgoing directors – Jeredene, Anita, and John.
  - Award the Technologist of the Year – *Brian* announced the tech director of the year – Russ Hendrickson.

6:25 **Open Discussion** - Items for discussion from the membership (5 minutes)

#### **META CALENDAR**

Mar – Annual Membership Meeting (Mar 14th)

May – Spring Board Meeting (May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM – Helena, with satellite locations)

Jun – SAM Delegate Assembly (June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM – Helena)

Jul-Aug – SAM Administrators Institute (July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Helena)

Motion to Adjourn by Dave; seconded by Brad

Adjourned at 6:39

Respectfully Submitted by

Pat Audet, SAM Associate Director