

**School Administrators of Montana  
Business Meeting  
October 20, 2016  
MCEL – Billings Radisson Hotel – Missouri Room  
4:00 pm  
Billings, Montana**

**MINUTES**

- Present:* Darren Strauch, Rick Chrisman, Jule Walker, Matt Genger, Ron Whitmoyer, Rob Watson, Todd Lark, Corey Austin, Susan Bracha, Kathy Pfister, Peter Hamilton, Rick Duncan, Dale Olinger, Jessica McWilliams, Sharyl Allen, Tiffani Anderson, Annette Hart, Leland Stocker, Ross Farber, Brad Moore, Marlene Deis, Dan Kimzey, Robert DoBell, Joel Graves, Dale Lambert, Tammy Lacey, Linda Filpula, Chris Rice, Dianne Burke, Randy Cline, Tobin Novasio, Laurie Barron, Peter Fusaro, Paul Furthmyre, Kirk Miller, Pat Audet, Gary Wagner
- Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order by SAM President Paul Furthmyre at 4:00 pm
- Introductions:* Paul had the SAM board members stand up and be recognized.
- Deletions/  
Additions:* None noted.
- Approval  
of Minutes* October 15, 2015 SAM Business Meeting Minutes
- Motion by Darren Strauch to approve minutes, seconded by Robert DoBell.  
Vote: Passed unanimously**
- Report of the  
President:* Paul Furthmyre reported on ESSA. He also mentioned the bond in Great Falls and asked for that same momentum for getting the right people elected this coming year in supporting public education.
- Executive Director  
Report* Executive Director Kirk Miller – his report is on the website plus mentioned other reports are also located there. He thanked the membership. Kirk also briefly described the SAM Strategic Plan and the main goals. He thanked the SAM team and described the upcoming changes coming in management program change. He described changes and programs as a part of the goals pursuit: LPLP, #SAMEDCHAT, etc.
- Financial Report* Executive Director, Kirk Miller gave a report on the SAM budget from 15-16 complete, and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 16-17 budget.

*Membership Report* Associate Director Pat Audet provided an update of the membership report. He stated that SAM is well over 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of last year – 960 (FY17) vs. 889 (FY16). The membership is currently at 982 and growing for 16-17.

*Affiliate Reports*

**MACSS:** President Jessica McWilliams reported on the County Supt Conference in Big Timber; first forum of the state supt. candidates. She also described the upcoming spring conference in February. Jessica mentioned the settlement with Northwest Energy – request for recertification of taxable valuation is due by Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**META:** President Rich Lawrence (Kirk Miller) reported on the strategic plan and the META board retreat. Kirk also described the CoSN membership process available to all SAM members as a result of META forming a MT CoSN State Chapter.

**MAEMSP:** President Jon Konen (Paul Furthmyre) reported on their strategic plan and that they have finished that up. MAEMSP is thinking about adding one more Board meeting. He also reported on the upcoming MAEMSP Winter Conference and the presenters; it will be in Great Falls. He also mentioned accessing strategies on trauma and anxiety which will be in Great Falls. Paul stated that there has been a lot of blogging on the MAEMSP site. He also described the One Voice, One call – use of social media, etc. and express the good things that are happening for the legislature. He also added the per student funding mechanism for technology resolution from MAEMSP at Delegate Assembly.

**MASSP:** President Dan Kimzey reported on the regional meetings – region I has been a little low. MASSP conference will be in April – it will be in Helena during legislative session. Dan will be meeting with a rep to go over ACT strategies; he also mentioned other presenters for the upcoming conference. MASSP will be looking at the strategic plan. MASSP might be looking at a professional catalogue for members with skills that can be of service.

**MCASE:** President Chris Bilant (Dale Lambert) discussed the MCASE – MASS Combined conference. He also mentioned the advocacy for SPED funding with inflationary increase and funding support for the Cooperatives. (Chris Rice) also added specific information on the advocacy component.

**MASS:** President Laurie Barron reported on the MASS region meetings and are fairly well attended and mentioned why that might be. Laurie reported on the MCASE – MASS Conference from last September. She also gave a snapshot of the Spring Conference with still a possible speaker on Tuesday, despite Monday being the MT-PEC Day of Advocacy. Laurie described the ESSA roundtable with Senator Tester – 3 of the 6 members of the roundtable were SAM members!

*Old Business*

1. Youth Endowment Distribution - Kirk discussed the amounts of the endowment and the 75% of distribution.

*New Business*

1. Consideration of revisions to SAM Bylaws – Article VI – Delegate Assembly Paul described the changes with the Article VI to the membership.

**Motion by Laurie Barron to approve the DA ByLaws, Article VI, seconded by Dale Lambert.**

**Vote: Passed unanimously**

2. SAM Delegate Assembly 2016 Recommendations – Rick Duncan (DA Steering Committee Chair) described the process of the 2016 DA and that the membership will be voting on the 43 resolutions and 39 positions. He described the 4 designations.

**Motion by Marlene Deis to approve the 39 2016 Positions, seconded by Chris Rice.**

**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Dan Kimzey to approve the 43 2016 Resolutions; seconded by Dale Olinger**

**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

Rick described the submitted amendment to Resolution #16-06 regarding Career and Tech Ed. Tobin Novasio provided rationale for his proposed amendment. He is proposing support for funding of CTE for 6, 7 8 grade. Rick further described the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee discussion about add grades 6, 7, 8 to the CTE resolution, but not to dilute funding for grades 9-12, but seek a funding mechanism that could support grades 6, 7, 8.

**Motion by Todd Lark to change language to “seek to support” on the amendment to Resolution #16-06; seconded by Jessica McWilliams.**

**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

**Motion by Rick Chrisman to approve the amendment to Resolution #16-06; seconded by Laurie Barron.**

**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

*Recognition of  
SAM Board  
Members*

Paul Furthmyre recognized board members retiring in June from the SAM Board: Marlene Deis, Russ Hendrickson, Matt Lewis. Marlene was present to receive her plaque from Paul.

*Future Board  
Meetings/Dates:*

**SAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2016-17 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Date	Time	Location	Board
January 13, 2017	10:00am to 3:00pm	Helena (SAM)	Full Board
March 12, 2017	1:00pm to 4pm	Helena (SAM)	Executive Board
April 7, 2017	2:30pm to 5:30pm	Helena (Great Northern)	Full Board
June 15, 2017	8:00am to 4:00pm	Helena (SAM)	Full Board

**Moved** by Peter Hamilton to adjourn; seconded by Leland Stocker.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Audet  
SAM Associate Director