

**SAM Delegate Steering Committee Meeting**  
**NOTES**  
**SAM Office - October 3, 2017**  
**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

Present on Uber-Conference: Rick Duncan (Chair), Paul Furthmyre, Todd Lark, Jessica McWilliams, Tamra Covington, Bruce Whitehead. SAM office: Kirk Miller, Pat Audet

Rick opened the meeting at 1:06 pm. He explained the format of the meeting.

1. Preparation for SAM Membership Vote on Delegate Assembly 2017

Recommendations - DA Steering Committee reviewed the following for actions which include Resolutions and Positions of the 2017 Delegate Assembly:

- [SAM Delegate Assembly 2017 Summary of Actions on 6-16-17](#)

Rick asked about SPED being a priority and Kirk described how that will be a part of the funding priority.

- [SAM Advocacy Priorities 2017-18 by Action Designation 6-16-17](#)

Rick referenced Page 25 on Summary of Actions (54 page document) - Rick asked the Student Data Warehouse and the security component and OPI - he mentioned that maybe we should look at a new resolution or position that points out the cybersecurity with schools or add schools to this resolution. Place as an action or keep as support? DA Committee consensus was to leave this as is at this time with a future resolution coming from META to address cyber security.

- [Delegate Assembly 2017 Recommendations for the SAM Business Meeting Review](#)

Kirk explained this and how this would look at the SAM Business Meeting - the document shows the changes and the minutes of the 2017 Delegate Assembly. Or, do we want the clean (no mark up) document with the minutes? Tamra proposed to use the cleaned up document to use at the SAM Business Meeting. Rick agrees with this but he would like a copy showing changes to possibly answer questions. Bruce agrees but stated that we need the changes archived. Kirk responded that there is an archive of the changes version. All agree to use the clean version.

Kirk showed the place on the website where SAM Board and Business Meeting information will be populated.

Rick pointed out that there was a fiscal note attached to #16/17-08 Allocation for Technology Hardware resolution, pointing out that this is not consistent to what we do with other funding resolutions. The minutes were reviewed and decision made to leave the resolution as is.

- [SAM ByLaws Article V Annual SAM Business Meeting](#)

- [SAM Business Meeting DRAFT Agenda 10-19-17](#) Review

Kirk showed and went through the Business Meeting agenda - we will have to get through this within the hour provided at MCEL. Rick stated that following an overview of the Delegate Assembly Business Meeting Recommendations document that a motion to approve all Position Statements and then a separate motion to approve all Resolutions and Positions would be appropriate and this is how it will be handled during the Business meeting. Rick did discuss that he will be out of the state during MCEL and asked for coverage from Bruce and Paul. They will cover this aspect of the meeting.

Rick and Kirk will be sure to share any info that comes in on non-delegate resolutions.

## 2. Interim 2019 Update

- Education Interim Committee - Kirk described the Recruitment and Retention information that the committee is interested in. He described the work he has done with Pad McCracken. SAM has a lot of influence on what the Committee is looking at. He also described the CTE credit opportunity and Dual Credit with Computer Coding and Edu 101 Educator Course. Rick described the decrease in enrollment in AP classes and asked the question if increased Dual Credit courses across the state are a cause of this decrease. Kirk said that this can definitely be looked at as part of the work of the MUS Educator Rural Recruitment and Retention Task Force.

- State Revenue Shortfall Impact on K-12 Education – [Advocacy Issues 2017-18](#)

Kirk described that SAM is staying contemporary with what the issues are that are present and showed this on the website - funding cuts, ESSA, Legislative Summary, Broadband. Kirk added that the Federal Issues webpage will be structured like this.

Bruce asked about getting this info to the LPLP members - Kirk will add this to the Provider meeting agenda and show Providers how to navigate this with members.

Rick asked about the MT-PEC position on the possibility of special session. Kirk described the potential of special session and additional cuts and the pros and cons; not likely. Other education associations are putting out the idea that districts are lucky with what transpired legislatively during the 2017 Session and that there has not been more cuts - not sensitive to those that are hurting over the tax shifts. SAM will continue to be sensitive to the impact of this work on administrators in being responsible for their school community. SAM is sensitive to the rural schools and the strife that they feel with tax shift burdens.

Rick asked about the effect of the cuts to Health and Human services and Part C. Kirk described that the Legislative Finance Committee may look at this. Frank Podobnik (State Special Ed Director) and others will be looking at this through the HJ 1 work on the Education Interim Committee. Tamra also mentioned the Child Find obligation is now on the school district down to age 2 - increase child find activities.

- MT ESSA Plan – [ESSA Implementation](#)

## 3. Review and Consideration of Federal Issues

- [Federal Issues](#) webpage under the Advocacy tab on the SAM website

Kirk pointed out the page of the website where the one page documents are found for those that go to advocate at the federal level.

- SAM Federal Advocacy Priorities 2017 revisions and build for 2018
  - [SAM Federal Advocacy Priorities 2017 Proposed Revisions for SAM DA Steer Cmte 10-3-17](#)
  - [SAM Federal Advocacy Priorities w Positions 2017 Proposed Revisions for SAM DA Steer Cmte 10-3-17](#)
- Health Care and Medicaid Legislation
- DREAM Act

Should we go deeper with getting more federal issues on the website? CHIP was also brought up this morning from AASA.

Rick mentioned that not all affiliates have a federal relations person; but he felt that these can go to the federal relations reps for each of the affiliates including the DA Steering Committee - he mentioned all federal relations reps for MAEMSP, MASSP, MASS and MACSS.

The Committee determined that the Federal Issues webpage should have documentation of the Federal issues that has been approved by the SAM DA Committee and Federal Relations Reps. Kirk will update the webpage to meet this request.

Rick discussed the one page Federal Advocacy Issues 2017 and recommended revisions to the language to not be as negative as currently written - he suggested cleaning this up to not sound so negative - Remove "Sanction and Shame" in #2 - "Onerous" on #10.

**Bruce moved to remove these terms; Rick seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.**

Rick also suggested to clean up the priorities with positions 2017 - page 7 "AND/OR" capitalized to be revised to "and/or". This was agreed to by acclamation.

#### 4. Other Items

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Notes taken by Pat Audet, SAM Associate Director