

Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists

**Regular Meeting
Hampton Inn, Lansing
Thursday, March 10, 2011
9:00 a.m.
MINUTES (Revised)**

Call to order: This meeting was called to order by President Michele Lemire at 9:02 a.m.

Attendance: Mike Burde, Jan Callis, Sam Ewing, Margarita Frommert, Rick Heitmeyer, Michele Lemire, Penny Joy, Jeannette Magsig, Marie Miller, Sally Perkins, Willye Pigott, Mike Radke, Sara Shriver, Grace Velchansky, Glenda Virden, Sue Warren, Karon Yeager

Correction: Max Fulkerson attended this meeting.

Excused Absences: Susan Brummel, Peggy Coulouris, Paula Daniels, Judy Handley, Denyse Jones, Debbie Kitson, Deb Kroll, Tom Reeder, Tricia Rood, Karen Ruple, Michele Sandro, Sharon Spencer, Robert Stead, Pam Vargas,

Approval of agenda:

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Grace Velchansky, second by Sue Warren that the agenda is approved with additions.

Additions to the agenda: Under New Business—add NAFEPA transfer & Project Proposal

President's Report---Michele Lemire

- April 18, 2011-- deadline to submit project proposal application to Sara
- As we plan activities for next year, continue to support public education

Executive Secretary's Report---Sara Shriver

- Shared an email from Tom Reeder; will be unable to attend NAFEPA
- Webmaster update : Sara hasn't been able to meet with him due to conflicting schedules
- Tricia Root (Clerical Support) emailed/mailed a letter to everyone who cancelled their registration for the Winter Institute. The letter reiterated the organization's "Cancellation Policy." As of this meeting date, Tricia hasn't heard from anyone who would like to transfer their registration fee to a future conference.
- Shared the up-date list of Michigan Congressional Delegation

- The organization will be able to transfer Tom Reeder's NAFEPA registration fee and hotel costs to another member; suggestion—a member who hasn't attended NAFEPA.

Secretary's Report---Willye Pigott

Corrections/Additions: Sue Warren had an excused absence from the February meeting.

-Pg.1, delete 1 "L" in SLLA.

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Glenda Virden second by Grace Velchansky that the minutes are approved with the necessary addition/correction. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report---Sam Ewing

- Tax form has been filed
- Still waiting for invoice from Lexington Hotel for the Winter Institute

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Margarita Frommert, second by Sue Warren that the Treasurer's report be submitted for audit.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee---Jan Callis

- Gave each board member a copy of the notepad that will be given to the Congressmen during the NAFEPA hill visit
- Sam will ship 100 notepads to the Omni Shoreham Hotel (DC)
- Thanked members who submitted information for the notepads

Communications Committee---Max Fulkerton

Correction: Fulkerton should be "**Fulkerson.**"

Some of the suggestions regarding options for future Winter Institutes:

- Move the Winter Institute to the end of April
- Road show (regional type meetings) 3 days in different areas of the state
- Move Winter Institute to August to get a jump start on the school year; title of conference would need to be revised
- Use technology (pod cast or live streaming) to reach out to people unable to attend. There would be a different registration fee for this feature.

Great discussion regarding the options for the Winter Institute. The discussion will continue at the May meeting.

UP Institute---Sam Ewing

- Sent out a “call” for Promising Practices
- A booklet will be put together for the attendees at the conference
- The speakers have been confirmed.
- There will be a MDE update (Leah Brean and Fred Williams) 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Currently there are 15 registrants; more are needed
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Correction: “Brean” should be “Breen.”

Fall Institute-- Marie Miller

- 42nd MASFPS---“ Making the Connections to Increase Student Achievement”((possible theme)
- September 28-30, 2011 Boyne City
- Possible keynote speakers include Mary Bigler and others.
- Topics will include Promising Practices, Working with Homeless Students, Title I-D and Evaluation

Old Business

Refunds for Winter Institute and Boot Camps----Sara Shriver

- There were approximately 60 cancellations for the Winter Institute.
- Anyone who cancelled prior to 14 days received a refund if requested.
- Mike Radke suggested that the organization follow its cancellation policy regarding refunds for the Winter Institute.
- 40 participants cancelled for the Boot Camp. Participants have been offered the possibility of applying the registration fee to a future workshop.

New Business

Appointment of Sally Perkins as Congressional Representative Alternative to Region 9

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Sam Ewing second by Glenda Virden. Motion carried

Appointment of Syndee Malek as Congressional Rep to Region 15

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Sam Ewing second by Margarita Frommert. Motion carried

NAFEPA transfer: Offered to transfer Tom Reeder’s registration fee and hotel costs to someone who hasn’t attended NAFEPA. Kristi Teall volunteered to accept the offer to attend the conference.

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Sam Ewing second by Grace Velchansky that Tom's NAFEPA registration fee and hotel costs be transferred to Kristi Teall. Motion carried.

Project Proposal---Sara Shriver

- A 2 day training session will be held for NEW program directors (August , 2011)
- There will be a sustained dialogue with the participants during the school year (Tom and Sara)
- Participants will be asked to bring a laptop to the workshop.

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Sam Ewing second by Marie Miller that the proposal be included in the 2011-12 budget. Motion carried

Title I Reports:

Mike Radke

- Proposed huge reductions at the state level this year
- Will share the Project Proposal (Tom and Sara's) with his management team
- Teachers' evaluate proposed to be 50% based on student achievement
- State board has been working on a number of projects; moving from EdYES to MI-SAAS
- Currently in the state, using EdYES, every school is accredited
- Change in the cut scores; proficiency rate will change by 30-40 percent; helping students to be career and college ready when they graduate from high school.
- Cut scores are not based on percent.
- There are 200 schools in the state with 0% proficient
- High performing schools will see 30-40% decrease in proficiency with the new academic standards
- Proficiency doesn't get students where they need to be.
- It's difficult to plan any type of reform because of the financial uncertainties.
- MDE is currently doing monitoring. There are 3 levels of findings: 1) requiring past audit 2) fundamental issues not in compliance 3) School-wide plans not up to date; requiring districts to have policies/procedures; include training in the policy/procedures
- School-wide Consolidation project to be piloted in Region 3----allows districts to take all state and local funds, put them into a virtual pot and put together a dramatic reform. IDEA is not included in this pilot. This project will be launched in Region 3 during the 2011-12 school year. Only School-wide schools can participate.
- Preliminary allocations for 2011-12 are now on the MDE website
- Dashboard format---25 key measures that define education success in Michigan. 2 of the measures the state is focusing on are: K-12 education and graduation.
- The "Dashboard" format is measuring and reporting data. It will define what the key measures are that define education success in Michigan

Adjournment: 12:00 noon

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Sue Warren second by Penny Joy. Motion carried.

Next meeting: May 12, 2011