

Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists

Hampton Inn, Lansing

January 12, 2012

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

MINUTES (Revised)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Tom Reeder at 8:45 a.m.

Attendance: Mike Burde, Jan Callis, Peggy Coulouris, Paula Daniels, Sam Ewing, Linda Forward, Margarita Frommert, Judy Handley, Rick Heitmeyer, Penny Joy, Syndee Malek, Sally Perkins, Willye Pigott, Mike Radke, Tom Reeder, Sara Shriver, Grace Velchansky, Sue Warren, Karon Yeager

Correction: Max Fulkerson and Glenda Virden

Excused Absences: Jennifer Allen, Denyse Jones, Debbie Kitson, Michele Lemire, Margaret Madigan, Marie Miller, Laura Otten, Tricia Root, Karen Ruple, Michele Sandro, Sharon Spencer, Robert Stead, Pam Varga

Guest: Ilise Goldman

President's Report: No official report at this meeting

President Elect's Report: No official report at this meeting

Executive Secretary's Report: Sara Shriver

- There are currently 164 registrants for the Winter Institute. The number of registrants is increasing daily.
- A contract has been secured with Boyne (Mountain Grand Lodge) for the SLLA (Summer Learning Leadership Academy).
- Dates for the SLLA are (July 22-24, 2012).
- Karon Yeager is working on selecting the next recipient of the Linda Brown award.

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Grace Velchansky second by Max Fulkerson that this organization sends a floral arrangement to Tricia Root as an expression of condolence for the passing of her son.

Secretary's Report: Willye Pigott

Corrections: December's meeting start time was 8:40 a.m.

Pg. 3- Change the spelling of "Mischoooldata" to Mischooldata."

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Paula Daniels second by Glenda Virden that the minutes are accepted with the necessary corrections. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sam Ewing

- The organization's total assets are approximately \$278,000.

- Payments for the Winter Institute are coming in slow.

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Sue Warren second by Max Fulkerson to accept the Treasurer's report and submit for audit. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Jan Callis

- Invite Lisa Hansknecht (Office of State and Federal Relations) to our meeting in May to give us a refresher on the roles of each entity. If Lisa is available, her name will be added to the agenda for the meeting in May.
- The committee will have a conference call tomorrow January 13, 2012 to discuss the summary of the reauthorization.

Awards Work Group: Judy Handley

- Paula is going to update information in the awards' pamphlet. Sam volunteered to put the information into the correct format for the pamphlet.

Suggestions from the committee:

- **April 16-25, 2012**, Survey Monkey will be available for nominations for the four awards. This will broaden the nominations not from just the Board members but also from the general membership.
- The new Board members to be recognized at the annual meeting
- During the March meeting the procedures /criteria for the awards nominations are shared
- Nominations for the State Leadership Award (presented at the NAFEPA conference) will be opened to the membership and the Board would make a decision on the nominations that are received. The nominations would be announced at the Fall Institute and the decision by the Board would be made at the meeting in December.

Addition: Announce the Award recipients at the Annual meeting in June.

2012 Fall Committee: Syndee Malek

- Title for the Fall Institute: **"Getting It Right"**
- Keynote speaker: Dr. Robert Brooks
- Another prospective speaker is Dr. Atul Gwande (article: Excellence in Personal Best)
- The dates for the conference are **October 4- 5, 2012**, Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City
- The committee is seeking presenters for the breakout sessions (e.g. On-Site Review, users of the Parent Toolkit, users of Mischooldata and School Improvement Plans
- MDE Consultants or Managers could be available to answer specific questions from participants. The questions would be submitted prior to the dates of the Institute.

Title I Reports: Mike Radke and Linda Forward

MDE: Mike Radke

- 65% of the districts have grant funds available.
- MEGS platform will be changed this spring. There will be some challenges with the new platform.
- Spring workshops are being planned. There will be updates on changes that have taken place.
- Progress is being made on the GEMS (Grant Electronics Management System) project.
- One finding in the internal and external controls is establishing a culture of excellence; meaning having qualified persons in positions with proper training and written procedures to follow.
- **Mischooldata** screens will be used at the beginning and during the monitoring visits to help guide meaningful conversations. Some of the region Consultants will be piloting this process.

Linda Forward: Waivers Summary (Please visit the MDE website for the complete summary)

- Gregg Dionne is the new Curriculum and Supervision consultant.
- Michigan is requesting to waive certain requirements in ESEA Section 1116 for Title I schools that have not made AYP to be identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring. Instead, the new identification scheme for schools that do not meet AYP will be:

***Priority Schools:** Title I schools that are in the lowest performing 5% of schools statewide.

***Focus Schools:** The next 10% (based on the Top-Bottom list of schools) of Title I schools that have the biggest achievement gap between the highest and lowest performing subgroups of students.

***Continuous Improvement Schools:** All other Title I schools that are not Priority, Focus or Reward Schools.

***Reward Schools:** Title I schools that have consistently high academic achievement, large growth in achievement or have demonstrated that they are beating the odds.

- The schools would no longer face the consequences associated with school improvement, corrective action or restructuring designations nor be required to set aside 20% for SES and Choice Transportation or 10% for professional development.
- There must be rigor, aggressive and attainable targets.
- The focus will be on Reading, Math, Writing, Science and Social Studies.
- All the current subgroups will continue to be included in making AYP.
- Target is 85% of the student population is proficiency if the waiver is approved.
- Digital Learning information will be shared at the School Improvement conference (March 20, 2012).

Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.

ACTION ITEM: Moved by Jeannette Magsig second by Rick Heitmeyer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2012, 6:00 p.m. Lexington Hotel (Rio Room)

