

MACSS Virtual Business Meeting Agenda March 9, 2021, 1:00 via Zoom

President Cathy Maloney Called the meeting to order at 1:03

1. Secretary Pam Birkeland took roll as members entered the ZOOM while Cathy Maloney welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the E-Board membership:

Erin Lipkind - 1st Vice President, Susan Metcalf - 2nd Vice President, Rhonda Long - Treasurer, Pam Birkeland – Secretary, Linda Marsh - Past President

It was determined that a quorum of 1/3 of our membership was present.

2. Susan Metcalf was appointed to act as Parliamentarian for the meeting.
3. There were no proposed additions or deletions to the agenda.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Rhonda Long, treasurer had sent out a budget summary. Mary Yarnell made a motion to accept the budget summary, and Erin Lipkind seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Susan Beley sent out MACO report prior to the meeting. She added that mostly the meetings attended were legislative issues pertaining to counties rather than schools
 - b. Teacher of the Year—Susan Metcalf reported that she spoke to two persons who were intending to complete applications. Applications are due on March 15. She stated that she hoped that we could celebrate at Fall Conference. Jack Eggensperger said that the SAM Evening of Excellence may still be held. That would be another option for celebrating the TOY.
 - c. Erin Lipkind stated that the County Superintendent of the Year applications are also due on March 15.
 - d. Pam Birkeland reported that she provided Sunshine for the McCauley family last fall and wished Susan Beley speedy recovery from her fall.
 - e. Jack Eggensperger had sent out a report for the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee. Jack and members at the meeting confirmed that it was interesting and worthwhile to represent our organization at the event.

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- f. Cathy Maloney sent out an MSSA report to membership prior to the meeting. She reported that Dan Rask would remain as the counseling consultant, Erin Lipkind will become the library consultant, and Jan Cahill will become the new director.
- g. MREA/NREAC—Katrina stated that she hadn't participated in the meetings lately. Carolyn Hall and Cathy Maloney reported that NREAC was somewhat in a waiting pattern as they understand what they can accomplish with the new administration.
- h. Cathy Maloney sent a report out for SAM prior to the meeting. She stated that since investing our funds with SAM 2 years ago, our organization's investment has grown from \$25,000. To \$31,113.16.
- i. Legislative—Jack Eggenesperger mentioned that two bills to watch were HB 329 and HB 279. Others on the legislative network gave comment. The group agreed to send out any needed calls to action to our membership should we be called to do a call to action.
- j. Historian—Cathy Sessions said that she has been adding past County Superintendents as they leave office to our history.
- k. By-Laws—Linda Marsh went through changes that the committee were proposing for our by-laws. These were mostly changes to clean up formatting discrepancies. Also, a change was proposed to create an AWARDS section. The Rural Teacher of the Year language was moved to this section and the County Superintendent of the year language was added here as well. She said that the committee utilized Erin Lipkind's language for this award. Also added was language that establishes honoring the award winner in the spring and the funding for CSOY award winner to attend either the NREA conference or a conference of their choice.
- l. Strategic Plan—Nothing has changed
- m. Hearings—It was reported that the committee has not met, but that they will do so. Jack stated that he covered a hearing for Glacier County in the fall and Cathy Sessions reported on the territorial transfer status. The case was remanded back to the panel. Cathy reported that the legal teams for both parties were being patient because of COVID19. She also stated that

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the 2 districts have settled their differences; however, the case is still in the court system

- n. Handbook –since being adopted in Lewistown in Fall 2019. The committee met to review and confirm its correctness. They plan to review it next year.
 - o. Nominating Committee—the nominating committee sent out a call for nominations via the MACSS listserv for secretary. No nominations were received, so Katrina Chaney was elected by acclamation.
 - p. Other
6. Unfinished Business
- a. Fall Conference 2021 – locations possible - tentative, possible zoom

Cathy Maloney suggested we might consider Chico or Fairmont Hot Springs, or to pursue Virginia City/Ennis for latter September. After discussion, Jack Eggensperger made a motion to have the conference in VC/Ennis. Katrina Chaney and Carolyn Hall 2nded the motion. Motion passed. Pam agreed to pursue the details for the conference, check for available dates, and finalize dates with the E-board membership. It is possible that we would still have to have our conference via ZOOM.
 - b. Spring Conference 2022 – It was proposed that we go to Sidney next spring since a lot of the legwork was completed last spring. It was proposed for later in April of 2022. Katrina Chaney made a motion to hold the spring conference in Sidney, and Heather Gibson 2nded the motion. Motion passed. Gail Staffenson agreed to pursue the details in Sidney.
 - c. Purchase of Zoom account for the organization—Erin reported that E-board made the decision to purchase a ZOOM account for our organization for future meetings. It will be available for membership and committee meetings. E-board members have the account information.
 - d. Pre-ordering of Law Books 2021—Cathy asked if the membership wanted her to send a letter to the State Superintendent of Schools to reserve 75 law books to be published after the legislative session. The membership expressed that they would like her to do so on our behalf.

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e. Standing Committee Membership Changes – opt in or out

- a. Standing Committee Membership Changes—Erin Lipkind said she would like to be removed from the County Superintendent of the Year committee while she serves as President and Past President. Mary Yarnell agreed to become a member. Pam Birkeland offered to step down as Sunshine to allow others to get involved. Nita Crockett volunteered to become the Sunshine Committee.
- b. Appointments—Cathy Maloney appointed the following:
 - i. Hearings Committee—Matt Henry
 - ii. Legislative – add Pam Birkeland
 - iii. By-Laws—Kathy Armstrong

7. New Business

- a. Rhonda suggested that Audit Committee Report be scheduled for Fall when it could be done in person. This year money was collected, but only 7 checks were written. Membership agreed.
 - i. Mary, Susan & Heather will stay on the committee next fall.
- b. Proposed by-laws changes, Awards Committee to include RTOY and CSOY—Linda had gone through the proposed changes during the committee report. Brady Selle made a motion to accept the proposed by-law changes. Carolyn Hall 2nded the motion. The motion passed. Linda will make the final changes, mark the document as revised in March 2021, and send it out to members and post it on the SAM website.
- c. Work group to Revise Retention Schedule – Katrina expressed confusion within the state when trying to discard records. E-board had also talked about suggesting updated records retention schedule changes to the state since our record retention schedule was last revised in 2008, one of the oldest in the state. Susan Metcalf made a motion to start a Records retention workgroup. Carolyn Hall 2nded the motion. The motion passed. Linda Marsh agreed to lead the workgroup. Susan Beley and Katrina Chaney will also be members.
- d. The members discussed having someone in our organization draft a letter to Governor regarding a Red Tape Relief Taskforce survey that was

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forwarded to our membership to complete by MACSS members. After the discussion, it was decided not to do so.

- e. Installation of Officers—Past President, Linda Marsh, conducted the installation ceremony for the following officers who will serve the organization for the next two years: Erin Lipkind - President, Susan Metcalf – 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President Pam Birkeland, Rhonda Long - Treasurer, Katrina Cheney - Secretary, and Cathy Maloney - Past President
8. Other—Erin talked about legislation that would have an extended arm added to every bus in a school district or bus company serving schools. There were a variety of opinions regarding this, so it was determined that members should individually reach out to the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee either supporting or not supporting HB 207 and HB267.
9. Adjourn—XXX made a motion to adjourn the meeting. XXX 2nded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Birkeland, Secretary

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Attachments:

10. Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Report – Jack Eggensperger
11. MSSA newsletter attached

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DELEGATE ASSEMBLY REPORT MACSS Spring Business Meeting

SAM Delegate Assembly met virtually with 44 delegates July 29-30, 2020. Representing MACSS were Jack Eggensperger, Pam Birkeland, Molly Lloyd, Susan Metcalf, and Lisa Blevins.

The group acted on 40 Position Statements and 44 resolutions. Our group was very active, offering 4 amendments—two of which passed and two were withdrawn after full assembly discussion:

Resolution #16/20-11 – Removing the Limit Duration on Technology Levy—MACSS moved to amend this resolution from Support to Action. Rationale: Technology becomes obsolete quickly, the pandemic has made it necessary to enable districts to have the ability to keep up with Technology. Motion passed and adopted.

Resolution #19/20-01 – Allowing the Use of Video Evidence to Enforce School Bus Stop Arm Violations—MACSS moved to amend this resolution from Support to Action. Rationale: It is an increasing need as more accidents have occurred involving children getting on and off busses. Motion passed and adopted.

Resolution #03/05/15-06 – Home Schools (Accountability)—MACSS proposed to amend this resolution from Support to Action. Rationale—Minimal accountability, costly to district if student returns, often travesty to child. Amendment withdrawn after full discussion.

Resolution #06-02 – Parent Information Resource Centers—MACSS proposed to amend this resolution from Support to Action. Rationale—We owe it to our youngest learners and their families to level the playing field for a successful education experience. Amendment withdrawn after full discussion.

Advocacy priorities were established as follows:

- Support Adequate and Equitable School Funding

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- Support Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators
- Oppose Privatization with Public Funds
- Support Facility and Technology Infrastructure
- Support School Based Mental Health Services.

MSSA Report

Jan Cahill selected as MSSA Executive Director for 2021-2022, Erin Lipkind will become the Library/Media Standards Program consultant, Mike Schulz is retiring. Dan Rask has agreed to remain as the consultant for the Standards Counseling Program and to ease in the transition. Cathy Maloney is stepping off of the board, Erin Lipkind takes on that role for two years with Carolyn Hall continuing for one more.

SAM Report

Erin Lipkind will assume this position as our representative. Our initial investment of \$25,000 has grown into \$31,113.16.