

Minutes of the MACSS Business Meeting  
Spring Conference 2018  
Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT  
April 16, 2018 – April 19, 2018

1. Call to Order—the meeting was called to order by President Linda Marsh at 8:30 A.M.
2. Roll Call/Quorum-- A quorum was established, as the following members were in attendance: Beaverhead, Blaine, Silver Bow, Cascade, Dawson, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Madison, McCone, Mineral, Missoula, Musselshell, Park, Phillips, Powell, Richland, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, and Wibaux (27 counties in attendance.)
3. Appoint Parliamentarian—Kathy Pfister was appointed to serve as parliamentarian.
4. Approve Agenda for Business Meeting-Additions or Deletions—Erin Lipkind moved that we approve the agenda. Judy Martin seconded the motion, which passed.
5. Approve Minutes from Fall 2017 Meeting in Red Lodge—Erin Lipkind moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Rhonda Long seconded the motion, which passed.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Rhonda Long presented the treasurer’s report. It has come to Rhonda’s attention upon visiting the Whitefish Credit Union that the signature card on the account had not been updated. The signatures on the account included Vivian Taylor and Marcia Sheffels. Kathy Pfister moved to replace Vivian Taylor and Marcia Sheffels with Jack Eggensperger, and Rhonda Long would remain on the account. Linda Marsh would also be included as an authorized signer on the account. This follows our bylaws which state that the current president and current treasurer be on the savings and checking accounts. Rhonda Long seconded the motion, which passed. Jack Eggensperger moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Susan Beley seconded the motion, which passed.
7. Appoint Audit Committee – three members volunteered to conduct the audit, Jack Eggensperger, Katrina Chaney, and Valerie White.
8. Committee Reports:
  - a. MACO-Susan Beley reported that at the September MACO meeting, the affiliate organizations were given a vote, which is a big breakthrough for our organization and the other affiliates.

- b. Teacher of the Year-Susan Metcalf, Chair of the Committee, reported that Kathy Currie, who has taught 44 years at Nye Elementary was named as the Montana Rural Teacher of the Year.
  - c. Sunshine-Pam Birkeland reported on options for the memorial bench for Jules Waber. A decision regarding the memorial will be reached in new business.
  - d. Delegate Assembly/Steering Committee-Jack Eggensperger was appointed and agreed to replace Jessica McWilliams on the SAM Steering Committee. Rhonda Long and Cathy Maloney have agreed to remain as our Delegate Assembly reps.
  - e. MSSA-Linda Marsh reported that at the last meeting of MSSA, the scholarship recipients were chosen.
  - f. MREA/NREAC-In lieu of this report, we will have reports from Allen Pratt & Dan Rask during the conference.
  - g. SAM-Linda Marsh reported that SAM is reviewing its strategic plan, rehired all the staff, and decided to award all four worthy candidates money for the Youth Endowment. The next meeting will be in conjunction with the June Delegate Assembly.
  - h. Legislative-Cathy Maloney stated that in lieu of this report, we would hear an advocacy report from Rick Duncan.
  - i. Historian-Cathy Sessions was not in attendance, so there was no report.
  - j. By-Laws-Kathy Pfister, Cathy Maloney, and Susan Beley reported that they will be meeting to review the by-laws during this conference, and they will present their findings under new business at this meeting.
  - k. Strategic Plan-Cathy Sessions was not in attendance, so there was no report.
  - l. Hearings-Jack Eggensperger, Kathy Pfister, (Jessica McWilliams vacating), Rhonda Long, and Pam Birkeland, who serve on this committee will be putting together a mock disqualification and mock hearing for training purposes at our fall MACSS conference in Dillon.
  - m. Handbook-Susan Beley, Rhonda Long, Pam Birkeland, Jo Newhall, Kathy Pfister, Cathy Maloney, and Linda Marsh are members of this committee, but they did not have anything to report at this meeting.
  - n. Other—there were no other reports presented.
9. Unfinished Business
- a. Fall Conference 2018
    - i. The fall conference will be held in Dillon on September 20 & 21, 2018 on the UM Western campus in the Lewis and Clark Room.

- ii. Fall Conference Programs – the hearing committee is planning a mock disqualification and mock hearing, ACES will be contacted, and a tour of the MSSA offices will be included.
- b. Handbooks –Supplemental Material – Erin Lipkind & Cathy Maloney will be meeting to update the supplements to the handbook. They will make certain that Ravalli and Roosevelt both receive their handbook as dues paying members.

10. New Business

- a. Spring Conference 2019 will be held in Helena, MT. Darlene Kolczak moved that the E-Board would be given the authority to decide upon the dates and venue for the spring meeting. Kathy Pfister seconded the motion, which passed.
- b. Steering Committee – Jack Eggenesperger has agreed to replace Jessica McWilliams on this committee. He was appointed by President Linda Marsh.
- c. SAM Delegate Assembly June 14-15, 2018:
  - i. The call for Positions & Resolutions deadline is April 27, 2018. After much discussion on lunch shaming, Cathy Maloney moved to continue Jules’s concern for lunch shaming to support a position statement on lunch shaming. Patricia Zinda seconded the motion, which did not pass.
  - ii. Representatives to the assembly will be Jack Eggenesperger, Linda Marsh, Rhonda Long, Cathy Maloney, and Pam Birkeland.
  - iii. Alternates to the assembly will be Molly Lloyd and Cathy Sessions.
- d. Investment of Assets through SAM – Discussion and action will be taken on this matter later in the business meeting after we have heard an explanation of the investment process from Kirk Miller.

- e. Memorial Bench for Jules – Pam Birkeland presented the options for a bench based on her research. Jack Eggenesperger moved and subsequently amended a motion that MACSS would purchase a bench in memory of Jules to be placed at the Powell Co. Courthouse with a cap of \$1500.00 collected from all sources including donated funds. Erin Lipkind seconded the motion. After discussion of funding sources ensued, Jack withdrew his amendment and his original motion. Since other organizations and individuals outside of MACSS’s membership have indicated a desire to support the project, Jack moved that MACSS pay up to \$1500.00, if needed, of the total cost necessary to place a

memorial bench for Jules. Jo Newhall seconded the motion, which passed. Pam will continue to research the best options for the bench and getting it installed at the Powell County Courthouse. Members wishing to contribute can give their donations to Treasurer, Rhonda Long.

f. Replacement for Jules Waber on MSSA Board – Cathy Maloney will be the member at large appointed to replace Jules.

g. Vacant Committee Positions:

i. The By-laws committee noted the need for two additional members for the By-laws committee. Anika McCauley and Darlene Kolczak were appointed to join Kathy Pfister, Cathy Maloney, and Susan Beley. In addition, the Rural Teacher of the Year committee requires one more member, so Jo Newhall was appointed to join Susan Metcalf, Kathy Pfister, Pam Birkeland, and Cathy Maloney. The nominating committee presently consists of Gail Staffanson. Maureen Odegard and Pam Birkeland were appointed to join Gail.

ii. Rep for MREA/NREAC—Katrina Chaney was appointed to replace Jules Waber as the representative.

h. MACSS Representative at NREA Convention in Denver – October 11-13, 2018: Both Susan Metcalf and Judy Martin will be attending this conference with the RTOY Kathy Currie. President Linda Marsh will not be attending; therefore, the present by-laws state that the budgeted amount will be split between the member attendees to partially cover their costs of attendance.

i. Audit Committee Report—the audit committee reported that the treasurer’s records were perfect.

j. Other- Letter to OPI regarding Unavailability of Law Books—the secretary read a draft letter to Superintendent Artzen regarding the lack of available law books. Carolyn Hall moved that MACSS send the letter to the State Superintendent. Darlene Kolczak seconded the motion, which passed.

k. The by-laws committee met at the conference and made recommendations regarding the committee appointments listed in i. above and mandated by the by-laws. In addition, they made recommendations for changes in Article 5 regarding the financial records audit, Article 6 regarding the fall meeting, and Article 10 regarding funding for members who attend the NREA convention. Cathy Maloney will be emailing the committee’s recommendations for changes in these articles out to the members prior to the fall meeting, as they will be voted upon at that meeting.

I. Following Kirk Miller's presentation on Thursday, the membership discussed investing funds in SAM. Kathy Pfister moved that Linda Marsh will submit a proposal to SAM to invest our funds above 18 months of our budget to be considered for investment in the SAM portfolio. Cathy Maloney seconded the motion, which passed.

11. The MACSS Spring 2018 meeting was adjourned by President Linda Marsh.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Susan Metcalf, MACSS Secretary.