

**Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs
Board Meeting Minutes
September 30th, 2016
Ivan Sand Community High School**

Members present: Cliff Skagen, Peter Lundin, Deanna Chiodo, Tom Wendt, Craig Wignes, Chris Bodick, Michelle Christenson, Brad Jensen, Sue Yankowiak, Greg Zimmerman, Emily Dirksen, Steve Allen, Patti Haasch, Tom Hoffman, Steve Anderson, Mark Jansen.

Board Meeting Agenda

I. Old Business

- A. Mark Jansen made a motion to approve June 23rd and 24th, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. Peter Lundin seconded it. Motion carried.
- B. The Board discussed the reduction of services for the Executive Coordinator. It was recommended that the Executive Committee review the job description with the Executive Director when they complete his annual review.

II. New Business

- A. Tom Wendt provided a Treasurer's Report (followed by a digital submission). Mark Jansen made a motion to receive Treasurer's Report and Craig Wignes seconded it. Motion carried. At this time, it was also requested that Chris Bodick attempt to negotiate with the Mankato City Center Hotel for the Annual Conference Thursday morning breakfast to get the same or similar rate as we experienced at last year's conference. Chris was also requested to bring the total food contract to the board for approval (inclusive of the Extravaganza) to the Board for approval in January.
- B. Steve Allen provided information on the purchasing of Cancellation Insurance for our State Conference. Craig Wignes made a motion to spend approximately \$500 for Cancellation Insurance. Peter Lundin seconded it. Motion carried.
- C. It is anticipated that we will be receiving \$5,000.00 from the Wells Fargo grant that was submitted on behalf of the MAAP STARS program. MAAP Treasurer, Tom Wendt will review the conditions of the grant, before any allocations are made. Greg Zimmerman made a motion that we increase the STARS allotment to \$10,000 with the stipulation that the Wells Fargo grant money will cover half that cost for STARS programming. An amendment was added to this motion stating that this allocation was pending grant specifications and/or requirements. Mark Jansen seconded it. Brad Jensen seconded it. Motion carried.

- B. Deanna Chiodo provided a Secretary's Report.
- C. Steve Anderson provided an update on new website which includes hot links and featured school articles. Regional Directors were encouraged to ask their members to send their hot links to Steve. Steve also reviewed the up-coming MAAP newsletter, the progress of the Event Registration System and the new Membership Management System.
- D. Steve Allen provided information pertaining to the dissolving of IALA. It is anticipated that there will be more information will be provided to the Board at the January meeting.
- E. Steve Allen provided information on the current MAAP Board of Teaching Standards and Rules Committee position. The Board requested more information on this position.
- F. Cliff Skagen was unable to gather information for the Board regarding a potential Special Education Ex-Officio position on the MAAP Board. He will present this information at our January meeting.
- F. It was announced that Shelly Peterson has resigned as the Editor for our literary magazine, the Alchemist. Deb Nelson has agreed to take on this responsibility. The Alchemist deadline for this year is February 10th, 2017.
- G. Significant amount of time was spent on the MAAP Conference, the Conference Report was limited to discussions pertaining to the conference and Extravaganza liabilities and responsibilities, conference emergency plan, conference certificate of insurance and the Governor's Proclamation. (It was decided that the proclamation request would be better suited for the Spring STARS Conference).
- H. Steve Allen provided a Legislative Report and anticipates that the Legislative Platform will be presented to the Board at the January meeting. A preliminary draft of issues and concerns that the Legislative Committee is currently working on was shared with the Board. As planned, this is a continuation of what issues were initiated last year during the short legislative session. Board members were encouraged to let Wayne Jennings or Steve Allen know if they have any additional issues and/or concerns.
- I. Mary Barrie was absent so no MDE report was given
- J. Patti Haasch gave the STARS report.
- K. The Board shared what information needs to be shared with our members and pertinent information that was provided at this meeting.
- L. Next Meeting of the MAAP Board will be January 13th, 2017 in Mankato.

M. Tom Wendt made a motion to adjourn and Mark Jansen seconded it. Motion carried.