

MAAP Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Verizon Wireless Center  
Mankato, MN  
Meeting Minutes

**Members present: Peter Lundin, Cliff Skagen, Tom Wendt, Steve Allen, Nate Christen, Mark Jansen, Liza Kelly, Sue Yankowiak, Deanna Chiodo, Steve Anderson, Chris Bodick, Greg Zimmerman, Michelle Christenson, Brad Jensen, Patti Haasch and Deanna Chiodo**

President-elect Cliff Skagen called the meeting to order and introductions were provided.

**Old Business**

Nate Christen made a motion to approve the agenda and Peter Lundin seconded. Motion carried.

Nate Christen made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and Mark Jansen seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Deanna Chiodo gave the secretary's report including the reviewing the "To Do" list, directory and calendar. Nate Christen made a motion to approve the secretary's report and Mark Jansen seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Wendt gave the financial report. Nate Christen made a motion to approve the financial report with a written report to follow and Greg Zimmerman seconded. Motion carried.

Chris Bodick and Steve Allen gave information regarding 2017 Conference Site. They reported on what they felt were the positives and negatives of the facility. Brian Sather from the Verizon Wireless Center provided additional information and took the Board on a tour of the facilities. Brian answered numerous questions and a significant amount of discussion followed. Chris Bodick made a motion to hold the 2017 conference in Mankato at the Verizon Wireless Center and Nate Christen seconded. Discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was made by Tom Wendt to give approval of Chris Bodick's motion with the understanding of final agreement made by the MAAP Executive Committee. Nate Christensen seconded the friendly amendment. Motion carried.

Greg Zimmerman and Steve Allen gave the sustainability committee report and reviewed the written report that was emailed out. The next committee meeting was set for October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at the Jennings Community Learning Center following the Conference Committee meeting. Nate Christen made a motion to accept the sustainability report and Chris Bodick seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Allen gave the legislative report and shared some platform ideas. He then asked for any additional issues and/or concerns that board members had.

Patti Haasch gave the STARS Report including financial and use of travel grants.

Steve Allen reviewed the 2017 conference committee report that was sent out electronically by Kristyn Martin. It was noted that Mark Jansen will help Nate Christen with the hospitality room. Nate Christen made a motion to approve the conference committee report and Chris Bodick seconded. Motion carried.

Regional activities and initiatives were reviewed by Steve Allen.

Steve Allen presented the current DRAFT of the 2016 Slate of Officers per Dave Hagman. The final slate of candidates will be approved at the January MAAP Board Meeting.

Steve Allen shared the revised Code of Ethics. Tom Wendt made a motion to accept the proposed Code of Ethics for all MAAP Board Members (including the missing period.) Nate Christen seconded. Motion carried.

**Important items that need to be shared with our members:**

- Sustainability and possible sponsorship.
- What other regions are doing.
- We are here to promote great education and support each other.
- Big picture thinking and how it applies to your local setting and future thinking.
- STARS and the South Metro Region.
- Connecting regional members with each other.
- MAAP should become far more of a resource than what we are. All the gifts that our members possess and who they are.
- Travel grant guidelines.
- Alchemist.
- MAAP STARS Student of the Year Award.
- Vendors and State Conference Presenters.
- Resources condensed or organized. Not so scattered.
- Determine what we really want our website to look like and design that. Increase the number of people that are accessing our website.
- Take Schoology and utilize that opportunity.
- To have regional members be proactive.
- All regional directors were in attendance and utilizing the folder that Cliff Skagen put together.
- Speak to the region about what they want on the web.
- Charging for a STARS regional event.
- Having the Northwest Metro present at the State Conference about the STARS regional conference they put on.
- What MAAP as a group provides. Access, opportunity and involvement.
- Make the organization sustainable. Continue on with the momentum that is currently happening.
- Seek out your 4 or 5 best presenters from your region and ask them to present at our State Conference.
- Synergy is the key to the future; inclusiveness and power of our members.

February 8, 9 and 10 was decided as the 2017 conference dates.

Next board meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the DECC in Duluth.

Cliff Skagen made a motion to adjourn the board meeting and Mark Jansen seconded. Motion carried.