



MPAAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Vicki Bott called the Planning Committee meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on January 9, 2009. Karen Mayle called the Executive Board meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following Executive Board Members were present/absent:

| OFFICERS: | Present | Absent |
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| Karen Mayle, President | X | |
| Vicki Bott, President-elect | X | |
| Carolyn Claerhout, Past President | X | |
| Rob Dickinson, Membership Chair (proxy with Petitto) | X | |
| Jean Nichols, Treasurer (proxy w/Hartman) | X | |
| Jan Dodge, Secretary | X | |

| COMMITTEES: | Present | Absent |
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| Jackie Laymac, Educational Issues | X | |
| Mary Ellen Welcher, UP Representative (proxy w/Bott) | X | |
| Sally Washington, ISD Representative | X | |
| Rebecca Rocho, Legislative Liaison (proxy w/Monaweck) | X | |
| Mary Beth Stein, Member-at-Large | X | |
| Debi Hartman, Member-at-Large | X | |
| Heidie Ciesielski, Newslite Editor | X | |
| Victoria Burke, Historian | X | |
| John Petitto, Sergeant-at-Arms | X | |
| Janell Craig, Communications/Technology | X | |
| Dan Hanrahan, Michigan Dept. of Education | X | |
| Trina Anderson, CEPI | X | |

| PLANNING COMMITTEE: | Present | Absent |
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| Curt Barnum | X | |
| Ellen Behm | X | |
| Julie Beishlag | X | |
| Teresa Golba | | X |
| Barbette Lane | | X |
| Annie Monaweck | X | |
| Nancy Raymond | X | |
| Wendy Fetty | X | |
| George Wytko | X | |

REPORTS

Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2008, Executive Board meeting minutes made by Craig, seconded by Hartman, with the following correction under the Treasurer's Report: "Jean Nichols reported that the mileage reimbursement will ~~increase~~ decrease to \$.55/mile." Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Motion to approve the financial report presented by Debi Hartman on behalf of Jean Nichols made by Washington, seconded by Stein. Motion passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President's Report:

Karen Mayle reported that she received a request from Debbie Kopkau of MSBO for presenters at a Data Quality Symposium on February 12, 2009.

President-Elect's Report:

Vicki Bott introduced Ellen Behm and thanked her for agreeing to fill the last open position on the Planning Committee.

Past President's Report: No Report.

Membership Chair's Report: No Report.

Treasurer's Report: No Report.

Secretary's Report: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsline Update:

Heidie Ciesielski, Newsline Editor, will send out the first "Newsblast" in February, which will notify the membership of the new format with the goal of providing more relative and current newsworthy information. There will be directions included on how to unsubscribe. News items will be gathered and approved at each monthly board meeting. If a news item needs to go out in between meetings, she will contact the Executive Board for general consensus and approval. Janell Craig will assist with

acquiring email addresses from Rob Dickinson. Trina Anderson volunteered to submit CEPI news items to Heidie.

D.J. Contract:

Curt Barnum researched and recommended a D.J. contract for the spring conference. Motion to award the D.J. contract for 3 1/2 hours at \$125/hr. for the spring conference at the Grand Traverse Resort to Aaron Wolinski of Avatar Media Productions, made by Bott, seconded by Washington. Motion passed.

Conference Site Updates—LP and UP:

A contract for the U.P. conference has been negotiated and will be signed.

George Wytko and Annie Monaweck reported that they visited the Kalamazoo Radisson Hotel, and were very impressed with the facilities. In their opinion, it fits all of MPAAA's fall conference needs. There would be no penalty if MPAAA chose to withdraw after the first or second year of a multi-year contract. The ballrooms accommodate 600 to 800 people, with ample meeting rooms. There would be no charge for the conference rooms, as long as 200 guestrooms are reserved. The facility is non-smoking.

Julie Beishlag reported on her site visit at the Soaring Eagle Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant. Advantages are the ability to bring in A.V. equipment and adequate free parking. Non-smoking rooms would need to be included in blocks. Rates are comparable to the Kalamazoo Radisson. There are numerous restaurants within the facility.

After a discussion about the pros and cons of each facility, the motion was made by Claerhout, seconded by Petitto, to sign a contract with the Kalamazoo Radisson for 2010, 2011 and 2012, with the opportunity to extend the contract. Motion passed.

By-Laws Update:

Karen Mayle reviewed proposed changes to the by-laws for discussion and feedback, including Duties and Responsibilities, and MPAAA Policies. Karen will email suggested changes for review prior to the next meeting.

MSDS Training Dates: There are no training dates scheduled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Event Management System: This item was tabled until the February meeting.

Homeless Issue, Economy, Impact on Costs to Districts:

John Petitto believes that the homeless law is on the cusp of being abused by people using it to their advantage for residency purposes.

MPAAA Strategy Planning for the Future:

Mary Beth Stein reported that she met with a professor from Lawrence Tech. University regarding the possibility of expanding MPAAA and hiring an employee. The professor's first concern is to whom the employee would report—the membership chair or planning committee? Also, if funding drops,

could MPAAA sustain employment? How many hours/week would this person work? He would be willing to meet with MPAAA to discuss these issues during a special meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the direction of MPAAA, and the pros and cons of turning conference planning over to an employee of the organization. Debi Hartman and John Petitto pointed out that the Board has had this discussion on and off during the past 10-15 years. It was suggested that hiring an event planner would free up time during regular meetings to talk about emerging and hot issues of interest to this organization and its members. Other meeting options were discussed such as board/planning committee workshops or retreats.

Mary Beth Stein volunteered to continue investigating and reporting on this issue.

MPAAA Position Paper:

Most people did not receive the position paper in time to review it prior to this meeting so this topic was tabled until February's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ROUNDTABLE:

Educational Issues Liaison's Report: No report.

ISD Representative's Report:

Sally Washington reported that the GAD email list has been updated.

UP Representative's Report: No report

Legislative Liaison's Report: No report.

Members at Large:

Mary Beth Stein reported that she and Carolyn Claerhout recently reviewed grandfather requests at MSBO for the Pupil Accountant and Pupil Auditor certification. According to Debbie Kopkau, interest is picking up. Carolyn Claerhout would like to write an article for next month's Newsblast regarding certification.

Debi Hartman talked to several people who had expressed an interest in becoming active in MPAAA.

MDE Representative's Report:

Although MDE is undergoing some staff restructuring, Dan Hanrahan said that he expects Diane Easterling's status as special education expert to be retained, and she should be able to continue participating on the MDE panel at conferences. He will follow-up with Diane regarding her plans for the spring conference.

Dan Hanrahan will also verify through MDE that this is the last year (2008-09) that PD time scheduled on MME days could be counted while other teachers are simultaneously administering the MME. John Petitto pointed out that districts are in the process right now of negotiating contracts for the 2009-10 school year. If PD time cannot be counted for teachers who are not administering the test, it would have huge implications.

Dan Hanrahan also stated that there was discussion at the last meeting about fifth year seniors and dual enrollment. His recollection is that a rule was developed pertaining to these situations. Fifth year students are eligible for dual enrollment, but limited to two classes per semester during their fifth year. In addition, they would need to take at least one class at the school, which could be an online course if taken at the school. Karen Mayle stated that further clarification is needed.

Newsline Editor's Report:

Heidie Ciesielski will send out the format of the new Newsblast to everyone this month. Suggested topics were the Free Press article on waivers, Trina Anderson's article on the new race-ethnicity reporting, and the revenue consensus conference.

Historian's Report: No Report.

Sergeant at Arms Report: No report.

Communications/Technology Report: No report

CEPI Report:

Trina Anderson reported that Meg Ropp resigned as Director of CEPI. Tom Howell will be the interim director. The posting process will not begin until the legislative budget process is complete.

Trina also provided an update on the new race-ethnicity two-question format. A state task force is in the process of finalizing recommendations that will be signed off by the Data Policy Committee. She expects guidelines to come out for implementation in fall 2009. The new requirements will affect enrollment forms and the student intake process, and will require communication with parents and training at the district level. Curt Barnum, Jan Dodge, Heidi Ciesielski, John Petitto, Jackie Laymac, Wendy Fetty, and Rob Dickinson (per John Petitto) volunteered to serve on a Racial-Ethnic Task Force as requested by Trina Anderson.

Trina reported that the Early Childhood and Enrollment/Exit collections in Phase I of the new MSDS will be released next week. The migrant curriculum component will be released in mid to late March.

Trina Anderson reported that CEPI will calculate four and five-year graduation rates, and has applied to have the five-year rates used for AYP. Auditors are focusing on outlier audits of the 2008 cohort. CEPI will also look at revising the Pupil Auditing Manual to reflect the new auditing requirements.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

There were no other Planning Committee reports.

Julie Beishlag thanked everyone for their emails, phone calls, and prayers.

Debi Hartman stated that there is confusion about the new kindergarten hour requirements. Dan Hanrahan said that everyone should plan on the new requirement taking effect according to law.

Trina Anderson encouraged the Board to try to find an event planner, which would free up time at regular meetings for more in-depth discussion of pupil accounting related issues, or perhaps consider moving to a workshop or retreat format.

Motion by Washington, seconded by Bott, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dodge

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Secretary