



MPAAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 11, 2009

Vicki Bott called the Executive Board meeting to order at 8:19 a.m. on December 11, 2009.

ROLL CALL:

The following Executive Board Members were present/absent:

OFFICERS:	Present	Absent
Vicki Bott, President	X	
Julie Beishlag, President-elect	X	
George Wytko, Past President	X	
Curt Barnum, Membership Chair		X
Jean Nichols, Treasurer		X
Jan Dodge, Secretary	X	

COMMITTEES:	Present	Absent
Jackie Laymac, Educational Issues		X
Mary Ellen Welcher, UP Representative		X
Sally Washington, ISD Representative	X	
Carolyn Claerhout, Legislative Liaison	X	
Mary Beth Stein, Member-at-Large (proxy with Bott)	X	
Rob Dickinson, 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
Stacy Hodges	X	
Ellen Behm	X	
Jody Byland		X
Barbette Lane		X
Annie Monaweck		X
Nancy Raymond		X
Cindy Rakocy	X	
Samantha Martin	X	
Amy McIntosh		X

REPORTS

Executive Board:

Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2009, Executive Board meeting minutes made by Claerhout, seconded by Wytko. Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Janell Craig gave the financial report on behalf of Jean Nichols. Jean Nichols has requested a refund of \$1,000 for accumulated credit card points. She will additionally use the credit card to pay for the lower peninsula fall conference to take advantage of points.

Jean Nichols also purchased QuickBooks software as approved for \$160.00. She also submitted the annual IRS form.

Motion to approve the financial report as prepared by Jean Nichols, made by Washington, seconded by Ciesielski. Motion passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President's Report: No report.

President-Elect's Report:

Julie Beishlag reported that she still needs descriptions for a couple of sessions for the spring conference. She thanked everyone for their cooperation in getting information to her.

Julie Beishlag also reported that she has been unable to contact Amy McIntosh, who is no longer employed by a school district. Motion by Claerhout, seconded by Ciesielski, to remove Amy McIntosh from the Planning Committee. Motion passed. Julie Beishlag will work on finding a replacement.

Past President's Report: No report.

Membership Chair's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ROUNDTABLE:

Educational Issues Liaison's Report: No report.

ISD Representative's Report: No report.

UP Representative's Report: no report

Legislative Liaison's Report:

Carolyn Claerhout reported that the Governor has postponed the \$127 per pupil deduction.

Race to the Top legislation includes language for compulsory school attendance until age 18; and a change for kindergarten eligibility from age 5 by December 1st to age 5 by September 1st.

There is a school funding summit at the Lansing Radisson from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on January 8, 2010, sponsored by SOS, MEA, and Middle Cities. Registration is limited.

John Pettito suggested that MPAAA stay on top of the 18-year old age requirement, because that it has serious funding implications. He also suggested monitoring legislation pertaining to failing schools.

Carolyn Claerhout stated that included in the Race to the Top legislation is a Memo of Understanding that all LEAs and ISDs must sign by January 8, 2010.

Carolyn Claerhout also reported that nine people on MPAAA's Legislative Committee volunteered to attend a meeting with Superintendent Flanagan. The group will be narrowed down, and Carolyn will circulate a proposed agenda to the committee for input.

Additionally, Carolyn Claerhout contacted the SOS Task Force to express MPAAA's interest in endorsing its efforts. John Pettito gave a detailed report of a SOS Task Force meeting he recently attended on behalf of MPAAA. Tom White, a retired superintendent, is chairing the effort to develop solutions for the school funding crisis. In attendance at this organizational meeting were representatives from PTAs, special education, band associations, former superintendents and assistant superintendents, and others with special interests in schools. An overview of the current tax structure was presented along with dire funding forecasts. Ideas were presented for generating addition revenue, along with spending reform.

SOS is also soliciting funding to support its efforts. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that MPAAA will wait to decide whether to contribute to this association, after Carolyn Claerhout has attended additional Task Force meetings.

Members-at-Large: No report.

MDE Representative's Report: None

Newsline Editor's Report: No report.

Historian's Report: No report.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: No report.

Communications/Technology Report: No report.

CEPI Report: No report.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

There were no Planning Committee reports.

Motion by Burke, seconded by Beishlag, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dodge

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Secretary