



## MPAAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### March 26, 2010

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Julie Beishlag called the Planning Committee meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. on March 26, 2010. Vicki Bott called the Executive Board meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

#### 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 (proxy with Bott)	X	
Rob Dickinson, Membership Chair	X	
Jean Nichols, Treasurer	X	
Jan Dodge, Secretary	X	

COMMITTEES:	Present	Absent
Jackie Laymac, Educational Issues	X	
Mary Ellen Welcher, UP Representative (proxy w/Stein)	X	
Sally Washington, ISD Representative	X	
Carolyn Claerhout, Legislative Liaison	X	
Mary Beth Stein, Member-at-Large	X	
Member-at-Large (vacancy)		
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 (represented by Doris Mann)		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	

## REPORTS

### **Minutes of Prior Meeting:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2010, Executive Board meeting minutes made by Dickinson, seconded by Beishlag. Motion passed.

### **Financial Report:**

Motion by Claerhout, seconded by Washington, to approved the Treasurer's report as presented by Jean Nichols. Motion passed.

Jean Nichols also presented the budget, which she amended to reflect the final revenues and expenses for the fall conferences and workshops. Motion to approve the amended budget made by Claerhout, seconded by Laymac.

Rob Dickinson stated that the budget would be more useful for future budgeting purposes, if it were not amended throughout the year and continued to reflect the original budget to actual.

Jean Nichols stated that most districts and organizations amend their budgets periodically throughout their fiscal year, and there are reports available comparing the original budget to actual.

After additional discussion, the majority voted in opposition of amending the budget. Jean Nichols will restore the budget back to the original, and will send out a new profit and loss report.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

President's Report: No report

President-Elect's Report: No report

Past President's Report: No report.

### Membership Chair's Report:

Rob Dickinson reported that 377 people have registered for the spring conference so far. There are 44 non-members. He has explained to a few of them that they are spending more money than needed, but it's a matter of districts not paying for memberships. 321 people have already paid for the conference. 78 people plan to attend the euchre tournament, and 164 will attend the mixer. Over 160 people will not be attending the MDE session on Wednesday. The early bird discount of \$40 was applied to 360 people,

which will result in a loss of revenue at this point of \$14,000. 93 people have not attended any other MPAAA conferences or workshops this year.

Although Rob Dickinson believes attendance will be good at the spring conference, he does not project a profit. John Petitto noted that other organizations are drastically altering their conferences because they can no longer get adequate conference attendees.

Rob Dickinson requested approval to waive conference fees for the following people:

\$100 for Julie Beishlag, as she is running the conference, and cannot be expected to present

\$100 waived for Ellen Behm instead of \$50 as she is presenting two separate sessions on the same day

\$100 waived for John Petitto instead of \$50 to give him credit for running the euchre tournament

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Laymac, to waive the conference fees as recommended. Motion passed.

Julie Bieshlag expressed her appreciation to Rob Dickinson for his quick responses and help.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: Jan Dodge thanked Ellen Behm for taking minutes at last month's meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### June Retreat:

Vicki Bott asked whether the group would prefer to schedule the retreat in June while fall conference planning is underway, or wait until after the fall conference. After discussion, it was decided to schedule the retreat for June 17 and 18, 2010.

#### SB-CEU:

MSBO has experienced some confusion between the certification track requirements and the course descriptions offered at the spring MPAAA conference. Mary Beth Stein will work with MSBO to create the SB-CEU cards that will be more explanatory, as suggested by Rob Dickinson. MSBO has requested that in the future, MPAAA be specific about what courses fit what certification requirements when the conference booklets are released.

#### Seat Time Waivers:

Julie Beishlag stated that representatives from her ISD recently met with Bruce Umpstead, Dan Hanrahan, Kathy Weller, and Mike Flanagan of Michigan Department of Education via a conference call regarding a seat time waiver specifically aimed at a charter school in her ISD. Kathy Weller indicated that they are going to try to streamline the seat time waiver auditing process, and will be getting a committee together to re-write some of the seat time waiver information. There have been many audit appeals concerning seat time waivers.

Carolyn Claerhout stated that CEPI is adding a code for tracking seat time waiver students. There is clearly a push for future seat time waivers, and to an auditing model that audits performance instead of attendance. MDE is looking at revising the Pupil Accounting Manual so that seat time waivers do not include an attendance requirement.

A lengthy discussion followed. Julie Beishlag stated that it is important for MPAAA to be involved in this evolving issue. Dan Hanrahan stated that a draft document regarding seat time waivers has been reviewed by Kathy Weller. If it has not been finalized, he will recommend that MPAAA review the draft document prior to publishing.

Dan Hanrahan will arrange a two-hour meeting between Bruce Umpstead, Barb Fardell, Kathy Weller, Dan Hanrahan, and Joellen Wonsey of MDE and MPAAA representatives John Petitto, Debi Hartman, Julie Beishlag, Carolyn Claerhout, Mary Beth Stein or Nancy Raymond.

Julie Beishlag noted that MDE has been very helpful throughout this entire process.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Euchre Tournament - \$200 Prize Money:

Motion by Laymac, seconded by Burke, to allocate \$200 for the euchre tournament. Motion carried.

Gift certificates from the restaurants on the conference agenda will be solicited as additional prizes.

SOS Update:

John Petitto reported that he was in Lansing several weeks ago for a walk sponsored by SOS (Save Our Schools) from the Lansing Center to the Capitol. Approximately 350 people participated. The theme is to “fix the problem.” Legislators seem to understand the issue, but they believe that solutions are within the districts. John Petitto stressed that at some point there has to be an understanding of the budget process for educational organizations, and there has to be an understanding of a solid number for cuts.

SOS is high profile, and John Petitto would like MPAAA to make a commitment of support. Other educational associations, such as band directors, transportation, Society for History Teachers, are supporting this organization due to concern about the trickle-down effect on their programs. As we talk about MPAAA’s importance and influence in the state, it is his opinion that we should be involved.

Carolyn Claerhout stated that she receives information from SOS almost every week. The biggest issue is the School Aid Act proposals. There are projected cuts of \$268 per pupil, and an additional \$140 for added retirement costs, for a total of over \$400 less per pupil next year. The Senate’s proposal would push people to retire through disincentives. Following discussion, Carolyn Claerhout agreed to gather SOS’s mission statement and goals, and business plan.

Tom White of MSBO is the chair of SOS. He will be invited to address the Executive Board and Planning Committee at a future meeting about SOS’s mission. In John Petitto’s opinion, Mr. White should not be invited if MPAAA is planning to make only a small contribution, but Jackie Laymac stated that SOS should see the importance of gathering the support of MPAAA.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ROUNDTABLE:**

Educational Issues Liaison’s Report:

Jackie Laymac stated that she has a summary of the proposed House and Senate bills. There are a couple of areas related to seat time waivers for cyber schools, and minimum attendance requirements. Dan Hanrahan stated this language is referring to two specific schools.

CEPI is working on a teacher-to-student MSDS collection, and tracking assessments and academic growth to teachers. There is an additional requirement to annually evaluate every staff member. Carolyn Claerhout noted that this is a requirement of the ARRA funding.

ISD Representative's Report:

Sally Washington reported that the new auditing manual includes Experiential Learning as Population III students.

She also reported that MSDS audit narrative testing took place, but many auditors weren't able to participate because of timing. Leslie Shamel will be at the Veteran Auditor Roundtable session at the spring conference to review the MSDS auditing process.

UP Representative's Report: No report.

Legislative Liaison's Report:

Carolyn Claerhout reported that the proposed State Aid bill has many changes that will affect MPAAA membership. Changes include a change in professional development time by removing the PD online requirement, although online training could be included in the 38 hours.

It also includes a provision that no longer requires ISDs to annually audit charter schools, if their student population is less than a specified number.

There was a change in forgiven hours of instruction to six days or the equivalent.

Section 94(c) requires CEPI to tie students to teachers, and this probably will not go away.

Section 6(6) states that if a student's district fails to make AYP, a release is not required for enrollment in a different district. Dan Hanrahan explained that the intent is for a district to offer a student the right to go to another district, and it's on a student-by-student basis rather than district-wide.

The Senate introduced a retirement bill, but its members are now on break for two weeks. The Senate bill does not include any retirement incentives. The prohibition against third party contracting was removed. Retirees would pay a percentage towards their health care. Retirement credit would not increase after 30 years of service.

Vicki Bott suggested adding this topic to a future agenda for further discussion.

Members-at-Large: No reports.

MDE Representative's Report:

Dan Hanrahan reported that the language in the Senate bill regarding AYP students who transfer as a result of a school not meeting AYP was the result of Joellen Wonsey receiving many questions.

Their office was also responsible for requesting the change in language to "30 hours or six days" for forgiven days because most districts do not have five-hour days.

Newsline Editor's Report:

Heidie Ciesielski expressed concern that CEPI's messages sent out through a Newsblast are repetitive information that most members have already received. This practice will be discontinued.

Another Newsblast will be sent out just before the conference as a reminder to register and also to print conference materials. Online registration will close on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Vicki Bott stated that she would like to talk to Trina Anderson about a better way of siphoning off the most important emails.

Historian's Report:

Victoria Burke complimented CEPI for its help desk assistance on the audit narrative.

Janell Craig requested individual photos of the outstanding service award recipients for posting online.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: No report.

Communications/Technology Report: No report.

CEPI Report:

Doris Mann reported that Detroit has certified its spring collection.

She also reported that the spring collection is going better than the fall collection, and the speed of the system has improved.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

Stacy Hodges thanked CEPI for their reports.

There were no other Planning Committee reports.

Motion by Petitto, seconded by Washington, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice Dodge*

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Secretary