

**MSCA Board Meeting
Madden's Resort
Saturday, April 30th, 2011
3:30-6:00 PM**

Members: Present: Kris Moe, Chris Otto, Murray Smart, Danette Seboe, Katie Gerdts, Lea Oelfke, Marsha Gilbertson, Dave Warner, Kitty Johnson, Marianna Sullivan, Walter Roberts, Beth Braun, Rachel Karnitz, Rich Mack, Carrie Asmus, Heather Krause, Bob Stenson, Brandon Wait, Karen Krause, Heather Keough, Kelly Booth, Jennifer Pepperell, Kathy Drinkwine, Rachel Close, Laura Baker, Barb Sellevold, Katie Wagnus, Kaia Paquin, Dave Thorp, Dawn Brown, Beth Braun

Call to Order

Meeting officially called to order by Walter Roberts, 2nd by Jennifer Pepperell

Approval of Agenda with Flexibility

Motion to accept agenda with flexibility by Walter Roberts, 2nd by Jennifer Pepperell

Approval of Minutes from January 2011 meeting

Motion to accept the minutes from the January 2011 meeting by Brandon Wait, 2nd by Heather Krause

Governance Policy

Discussed Handouts:

- ASCA Governing Style
- Ground Rules for Meetings
- Board member roles and responsibilities: Kris mentioned how well we are doing in advocating for our profession (#4 on handout)
- Holding Powerful Conversations: Murray wanted to emphasize collaboration

Ends Policies/Work Plan

2010-2011 Work Plan – Updates if needed

- Stakeholders: Lea would like feedback from those who have visited graduate programs; how did it go?
- Professional Development: SPARC program; will we get some professional development? (see notes under new business)

- Office of Higher Education Funding: Southeast meeting with EdTrust was cancelled due to bad weather; Lea will send out an email to the board, but the meeting is tentatively re-scheduled for May 27.
- Leadership: Not doing break-out session any longer, but has made a flier to give out during the conference

Washington D.C. – update

- Kris, Carrie, Murray, Brandon were able to meet with Al Franken and Amy Klobuchar as well as some state senators/representatives
- The trip was successful. Kris feels as if we need to continue making this trip to maintain and build connections

Review of Lobbyist contract

- Contract is Aug 1-Aug 1
- Present at Day on the Hill; Dan will be at Madden's this year and will do a small presentation
- Communication is good; Campos are connecting with government relations committee on a regular basis
- Campos have helped us "bridge the gap" and be more bi-partisan

Motion to offer additional \$2,000 to the Campos for this contractual year by Jennifer Pepperell, 2nd by Brandon Wait. All in favor, motion approved

Operational Parameters

Membership Update – John (not present)

Financial Report Update – Rachel

- Rachel distributed information about account balances and budget
- Tax exempt application is still being worked on; Kris is working on the report

2011 Conference Update/Assistance needed – Danette

- Danette would like board members present at the Welcome Reception on Sunday, May 1
- Graduate student poster sessions will be on display this year
- Lunch on Monday will be in the ballroom this year
- 427 paid registrants for the conference this year
- Suggestion by Danette to have a position on the board for a few years at a time to work planning the annual conference.

South High School in Minneapolis was just given the RAMP award

Guidelines

- Board members need to update information for Guidelines

- Still exploring the idea of incorporating advertisements into Guidelines
- Need a topic for spring as well as topics for next year—Spring articles are due May 20
- “Top Ten” article (Kathy Drinkwine)
- Marsha Gilbertson will ask incoming division president to interview a counselor (Chris Otto) for the next Guidelines issue
- Topic ideas: Transitions (Kitty Johnson), share some best practices ; word of the week/action of the week (Katie Wagnus), being involved /how to get involved, how to create a crisis plan/management during a crisis (Brandon Wait)
- Topic for this spring will be “Transitions”

Calendar Updates – ASCA Conf., Summer LDI

- ASCA Conference: June 25-28, 2011 in Seattle
- LDI will tentatively be Aug 1-2, 2011 in Duluth
- ASCA will be in Minneapolis in 2012; Kris is on the planning committee; he has not received any requests for help or information regarding this conference

New Business

Meeting with commissioner (Walter and Kris)

- Maryann Campo was also in attendance
- Discussion about the future of school counselors and MDE
- Mary Hunt (Special Ed Policy); a possible contact for our stakeholder’s committee

Professional Development

- Do we want to put aside money for professional development proposals (for divisions, or state wide)?
- Ideas: application process, rotation among division, “big” speakers instead of splitting up among division; SPARC professional development is an idea (Kris)
- One board member suggested promoting as much regional professional development as we can to make this feasible for counselors across the state; multiple regions could combine regionally. Suggestion: break the state into quadrants and provide development opportunities that way.
- Another suggestion is to take MSCA membership fees, and use a portion of these fees towards professional development for each division.
- An additional suggestion is partnering with institutions of higher education is a good way to find funding for professional development; suggests that once the budget is set, we should look at what we think MSCA can carry for professional development

- Kris Moe would like board members to send ideas to Kitty and we can discuss options at LDI. The professional development committee can look at these ideas more closely

Term of Committee Chairs

- We should have a historical document to show who has chaired committees in the past. Our bylaws have term limits. We are not out of compliance, since chairs can have successive terms, but it would be a good idea to maintain a record of committee chairs. Chris will put a spreadsheet together.
- Committee Chairs should give all information they have to Chris

Endorsement for ASCA position

- Kris put his name in for VP of Secondary for ASCA; he is looking for an endorsement from the MSCA board

Motion to endorse Kris for VP of Secondary on ASCA board by Dave Warner, 2nd by Marianna Sullivan. 30 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passes.

Other Business

- Murray Smart thanked the board as he steps down from the board
- Dave Warner is stepping down as Technology chair

Meeting Evaluation

Stop doing

Start doing

Keep doing: Keep sharing concerns during meetings, be willing to voice opinions, and stay involved

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Walter Roberts 2nd by Jennifer Pepperell
All in favor, motion passes.