

Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists

February 8, 2006
Regular Meeting
Hampton Inn West - Lansing, Michigan

Minutes

Attendance:

Harmon Beekman	Holli Buck	Jan Callis	Paula Daniels
Sam Ewing	Judy Handley	Deborah Kitson	Karen Lee
Jeanette Magsig	Robyn Mosher	Willye Pigott	Karen Ruple
Michele Sandro	Sara Shriver	Michele Videtich	Glenda Virden

Alternate: Rick Heitmeyer

Guests: Melanie Schroder, Scott Pitts

Excused Absences: Harmon Beekman, Linda Brown, Yvonne Caamal Canul, Milt Collins, Carol Lantz, Julie Lemond, Barry Martin, Marie Miller, Terry Pawl, James Reese, Catherine Tibbett, Sue Warren, Karon Yeager

Call to Order: 6:12 P.M.

Welcome / Introductions – Sara Shriver

Sara reintroduced Willie Pigott from Region 7 and welcomed Melanie Schroder / White Hall and Scott Pitts / Chippewa Valley – who have joined the Fall Directors' Institute Committee.

Agenda Modifications

Reschedule book study

Add CD – NAFEP

Institute Reports – Fall Directors - special discussion

President's Report – Sara Shriver

and

Executive Secretary's Report – Sara reporting

Harmon is working to get things in order before his departure. He thanked everyone for their support during the Mid Year Institute.

Sara will be presenting Harmon with a plaque and Michele will sing during the lunch session tomorrow.

Present-Elect Report – Jeanette Magsig

Officers' team met to discuss new executive secretary applications. The one application received was from Sara Shriver. It is recommended that at the end of her tenure as president in June, that Sara assume the position of Executive Secretary. Discussion ensued. Sam will serve as interim executive secretary until Sara assumes the position.

Secretary's Report – Paula Daniels
Minutes filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report – Sam Ewing

We are currently in an anticipated deficit. Fall Directors' Institute expenses are up and the revenue is down. Sam noted that a number of people still owe for other activities. When those funds are received, we will again be in the black.
Report submitted for audit.

NAFEPA Report –Glenda Virden

Glenda distributed copies of the 2006 NAFEPA Year Book Michigan pages. She indicated that we should be watching for the Title I Guidance that will be coming out soon.

Glenda will bring copies of the special CD to distribute to the legislators. Judy suggested that the CD run at the MASFPS table. Glenda indicated that NAFEPA will have a position paper to be distributed during hill visits.

Sara proposed that Holli attend the NAFEPA Conference in Harmon's place since he will not be attending. Holli would work the MASFPS table. Because of tightened travel expenses at the MDE, it was also proposed that we cover portions of Roberta's NAFEPA Conference expenses.

ACTION ITEM: It was moved by Michele Videtich and seconded Deb Kitson to have MASFPS cover needed expenses for Holli Buck and Roberta Stanley to attend the 2006 NAFEPA Conference. Motion carried.

MDE – Roberta Stanley

Roberta gave an update from her recent trip to Washington D.C. We had the largest delegation present. Senators Stabenow and Levin continue to support education issues. She had meetings with Rogers, Hoekstra, and Camp's offices. She noted that the general atmosphere in Washington was odd in the in light of the cloud of scandal that hangs over the city. There is the possibility of 12 – 20 indictments in congress.

Roberta noted that most offices have changed legislative assistants. She stressed that we need to be armed with facts and a positive attitude when we go to the hill.

The budget has been terrible for education. Many funds, including vocational education and technology have been zeroed out.

The "pre hill visit" meeting is Wednesday from 11AM-12 noon.
She reminded us that we need to remind our legislators that they work for us in the home districts not for the party leadership.

WORK GROUP REPORTS

UP

Conference is all set. We just need to decide about lunch. Fliers are available for circulation.

Fall Directors

Conference dates discussion – November 13-15. Date change proposed? Recommended dates – November 12-14? The committee will take the recommendation under advisement.

I/O

Glenda took fliers to the Title I conference. We will see if we get any response. Persons looking at the materials were concerned that it was a “Michigan” product suited for Michigan only. Some CDs were sold at the Academy held today. Work on the May 3rd Boot Camp will begin.

Thinking Maps – Sam Ewing

We are completing the final sessions of the 2nd round of MAPS Trainers training sessions. The round was full to the limit. We are looking at having Thinking Maps training as a pre or post conference next year.

Formative Assessment - Sam

We have been unable to find a facility during time frame originally proposed. As a result, we will probably not begin sessions until April or May. Hopefully MEAP results will be available to work with at that point.

Marketing – Michele Videtich

Michele reported that her training was very successful. Seth Godin, who has written many books on marketing, provided a very informative training. He stressed: “Before you market anything you must get people to notice you. You must interrupt folks. How do you have a ‘purple cow?’ How can you have the ‘purple cow’ moo?” He stressed the need to help members learn to market to the audiences:

- Parent
- Legislators
- Others?

We must market to get people to come to you ... to want you to come to them. Michele’s developed website - PIE: Positively Impacting Education:

www.squido.com/onebestchance

Michele is prepared to present at the Fall Directors’ Conference.

OLD BUSINESS

- NAFEPA Scholarship

Thirteen applications were received. The selection committee (Glenda, Michele V., Karen R, Jan, Paula) will meet following the meeting to select the NAFEPA Scholarship nominees from Michigan.

NEW BUSINESS

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Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Meeting notes available upon request.