

Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists

March 9, 2006
Regular Meeting
Lansing, Michigan

Minutes

Attendance:

Harmon Beekman	Linda Brown	Jan Callis	Paula Daniels	Sam Ewing
Judy Handley	Deborah Kitson	Carol Lantz	Jeanette Magsig	Marie Miller
Terry Pawl	Bob Peper	Karen Ruple	Sara Shriver	Roberta Stanley
Catherine Tibbett	Michele Videtich	Glenda Virden	Sue Warren	Karon Yeager

Technical Assistant: Holli Buck
Fall Directors' Committee Scott Pitts

Excused Absences: Yvonne Caamal Canul, Milt Collins, Peggy Coulouris, Karen Lee, Julie Lemond
Robyn Mosher, Michele Sandro, Sharon Spencer, Willye Pigott
Absent: Jim Reese, Barry Martin

Call to Order: 9:09 A.M.

Welcome Introductions

Sara welcomed Scott Pitts (Fall Directors' Institute)

Additions/Modifications to Agenda

Book Study rescheduled

President's Report – Sara Shriver

- Reviewed packet contents
- Announce resignation of Robert Peper from active participation on the board.
- UP Institute committee met last evening.

President Elect's Report – Jeanette Magsig

Executive Secretary transfer of duties—

Sam will be taking over in April and May

Sam and Sara will work together in June

July 1st Sara will take over.

ACTION ITEM: It was moved by Glenda V. and seconded by Michele V. to accept the Executive Secretary transfer of duty plan. Motion carried.

Summer Institute Questionnaire was distributed. Jeanette asked that the members return the form as soon as possible.

Mid-year Conference: Institute Chairs Judy Handley and Michele Videtich have volunteered to serve as chairpersons. Scott Pitts and Paula Daniels volunteered to work on the institute committee.

Secretary's Report – Paula Daniels

Filed with corrections.

Treasurer's Report – Sam Ewing

Sam reported that we still have one large charge from Mid Year Institute.

We may need to discuss the possibility of instituting prepaid fees for professional development activities to avoid this lag in payment.

Report submitted for Audit

Executive Secretary's Report – Harmon Beekman

- Very productive UP and Fall Directors conference committee meetings
- Concerned about attendance at UP
- Gurian Institute has our conference on line – Calls of inquiring are coming in

In preparation for transition and coming events--

- Making sure that all contracts are set through NOV 2007
- Hampton Inn booked– through December
- Spring Hill currently booked as back-up for the year

NAFEPA Report – Marie Miller and Glenda Virden

Glenda-

State NAFEPA Scholarship applicants were selected:

Joshua Thurmond – Westland

Anna Taylor – Ionia

Glenda asked if we have special recognition of our state winners even if they are not national winners. Michele indicated that we gave a plaque and \$100 to our former winners.

Holli will make certificates. MAS/FPS will provide a notification letter for the school district. A copy of the letter will go to the superintendent announcing the winners.

ACTION ITEM: It was moved by Marie M. and seconded by Jeanette M. to award the Michigan scholarship winners \$100 and a plaque to be presented by the congressional representative from that district.

Winners will be announced at Winter Conference. The money and plaques will be delivered to the reps at the April meeting. Michele proposed that pictures of the winners for the E-NEWS.

NAFEPA Conference update: State delegation meetings will be on Wednesday at 11 AM -12 Noon. Roberta will be at the Michigan Delegation meeting. Holli will work our affiliate table. Volunteers to relieve Holli – Sara, Jeanette, Paula, Sam, Judy, others

Marie –

Conference Information Update – Currently, 23 persons from Michigan are registered for the NAFEPA conference. Marie has e-mailed them encouraging each to make appointments with the congressional representatives or their aides.

Marie announced that we will distribute the Michigan CD and position papers at the delegation meeting. If you are scheduled to meet your legislators before that time, see Marie. The CDs and position papers will be available for you to take to the hill.

MDE – Linda Brown

Graduation Requirement update- Linda updated the progress made toward the finalization of the Michigan high school graduation requirements. The house passed their version of the graduation requirements. It includes the infamous Algebra 2 requirement, but does not include the language requirement. Content expectations still must be determined. Approval of the content expectations is being proposed to be moved to August which will impact the implementation timeline.

Section 31a and NCLB – if a student is at risk of failing or not meeting the requirements, districts will be mandated to provide *supplemental support* for those students. If districts have schools that don't get 31A or Title I money, general fund will have to pay for the supplemental support. Title II Part A and Title V allow districts to hire highly qualified teacher to help at-risk students.

If districts cannot find *highly qualified teachers*, the state will assist them. *Temporary exemptions* may be granted if districts can't find needed staff.

Comparability Applications - Comparability applications are under review. The process is uncovering many misconceptions. One mistaken belief is that only Title I staff need to be show comparable.

Linda offered *thanks for our patience* in the process. There will be an auto load from REP next year, which will eliminate the need to add staff one by one.

Spring Workshops Consultants are planning spring workshops. Section 41 will be taken out of the Application. Section 41 will be a brief application in MEGs.

MDE – Roberta Stanley

D.C. Update Roberta distributed an updated list of the Michigan Congressional Delegation and their Education Contact Information and New York Times articles addressing, vouchers, ethics, and issues facing members of congress. She noted that in spite of the issues facing President Bush and the Republicans, the president's program is still being actively implemented. Roberta encouraged us to help our legislators remember that they are in Congress to represent the constituents. "If they don't represent us, who will?"

Rep. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R-CA) was named to serve as Chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. This should help us because Rep. McQuin seems to be more sensitive to education needs.

Budget The budget is still tough for education. Among the bad news—flat funding for NCLB and the elimination of 40 education programs-- Perkins may survive, but, along with Safe and Drug Free schools, it may be up for the chopping block. There is some interest in high school reform. Governors like it, however they are not staffed with folks possessing the ability to drive the initiative and get it done.

Washington Scandals The scandals plaguing the congress are serious. It is projected that 12-20 members will be indicted.

Michigan Representation Roberta noted that Michigan is represented in key influential positions including, Vern Ehlers – House Administration Committee Chair; Carl Levin- (includes but not limited to) senior Democrat on Armed Services Committee, senior Democrat Governmental Affairs Committee, and serves on the Intelligence Committee; Fred Upton- Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet Chair; Pete Hoekstra, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chair; and John Dingell, known as the ‘Dean of the House’ for having served the longest tenure in the house. He is also the Ranking Member Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Reauthorization Education organizations are looking to collaborate develop a matrix illustrating common areas of concern for the coming reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. When we go to the hill as a group (combined organizations) we will be more successful.

Roberta charged us to “*stay active!*”

Book Study – Rescheduled

WORK GROUPS / Committees

Institute Reports

Winter (Mid Year) Institute—Sara

Evaluations recorded good responses. Congratulations to the conference chairs on a job well done. We will be in the black when all funds come in. We hit our target for “one day professional development” service to our MASFPS members.

UP –Debbie Kitson and Catherine Tibbett

At a Glance: SB CEUs have been approved.

Lunch menu is set

Working to increase registration – currently 60 registrants

Facilitators will be arranged at the session

FALL Institute – Judy Handley

Update:Pre-conference on Sunday - (board action)

Speakers: Monday lunch keynote speaker. Don Barlette

David Hyerle – Thinking Maps – Language of Leadership (invited)

Bruce Hunter –Tuesday -confirmed
Vicki Sanderson "Life Would Be Easy If It Weren't for Other People"
State Superintendent Flanagan will be asked Monday to open the conference or speak for lunch on Monday. We will work around his availability.
Yvonne Caamal Canul is also being asked to provide keynote speech.

Concurrent sessions – 21 needed
Field services has been requested to hold regional meetings
Concurrent session topics and “Call for Presenters” requests distributed

Exhibitors

The ballroom space will be reconfigured to required attendees to pass through exhibitors to get to the ballroom.
Exhibitors are currently charged \$250 for table. The committee is recommending that the cost of exhibitors table equal the cost of the conference registration.

ACTION ITEM: It was moved by Jeanette and seconded by Deb Kitson to establish that the rate for exhibitors’ fee for fall Directors’ Institute will be equal to a registration fee that would be the same as a membership fee.

Discussion: UP and Mid-Year is currently equal. This will bring the Fall Directors’ comparable to the other members.

Motion carried.

The committee reported that program format and cost cutters are under review. Pre conference choices ideas include: Thinking Maps overview, fiscal guidance and high school reform. Publicity is being addressed.

I/O –Glenda Virden
Spring boot camp – May 3rd Winding Brook

E-NEWS – Terri Pawl
E-news out – updates have been made. It will go out to members when it is available.
Special requests: Terri is requesting pictures from the Mid-Year Institute

Michele – article scholarship winners April 11 deadline
Those scheduled to submit article so by the deadline date.

Thinking Maps –

The most recent Thinking Maps training graduated 29 participants. Requests have come for more offerings next year. We are looking for a cooperative ISD to help sponsor future trainings i.e. – Muskegon, Kent, middle of state. Clare Gladwin, Ionia ISD, and Montcalm were suggested.

Formative Assessment – Sam Ewing

The project is currently on hold. Dates and sites must be secured. Oakland and Macomb offered sites. Roberta will help make contacts with ISDs.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting Adjournment

11:40 am

ACTION ITEM: It was moved by Catherine and supported by Debbie Kitson to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Complete meeting notes available upon request.



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Congressional Rep 101

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Sara reviewed the “Annual Checklist for Congressional Representatives MAS/FPS.”

The check list categories included:

- Attend the monthly executive committee meetings
- Attend the MAS/FPS and NAFEPA Institutes
- MAS/FPS Activities
- Networking for MAS/FPS

Sara and Michele V. discussed what they do in their congressional districts.

Steps they followed:

- Took regions map –
- Identified their region
- Identified the area ISDs in their region
- Identified the school districts in their region
- Identified the state and federal, curriculum, etc person from the districts
- Confirmed that the persons was there in that capacity
- Obtained their e-mail addresses
- They contacted them wrote them (sample letter distributed)
- Developed a list serve
- Created mailing list / and labels
- Sought them out at conferences
- Included business card in letter
- Established regional schedule
- Plan regional meetings

Agenda (Sample agenda from their region)

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Prof Dev opportunities (including MASFPS stuff)
- Current needs (i.e. AYP annul reports, census poverty)
- MDE update – field service consultant

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 – currently have an active organization

Region 2 – 4 times a year include other neighboring areas- MASFPS is discussed

Region 3 – Title I networking group meets 3 times a year. Rep. comes. Updates, networking, ideas are solicited for meetings. No charge – Attempts to outreach to counties other than Kent is being attempted. MDE consultant attends.

Region 4 (Sara / Michele report)

Region 5 – Active meeting has died out. ISD includes Title I on agenda for other meetings, i.e. principals, curriculum directors. More can be done especially to get the info to teachers.

Region 6 – SoWeMi (Southwestern Michigan)– focus has been to put on conference – parent day / staff day. Well attended. Going to a one day. Meet 4-5 times a year. Consultant comes. Karen gives a report. We could be more focused. The Conference focuses on what needs to be done.

Teachers come sometime

Region 7- Willie

Region 8 Jim

Region 9 - Local Chapter of MASFPS - monthly meeting to update information. No real regional representation. A larger representation has now been established. Group has officers and by laws. Four meetings are planned for the coming year. Cohort meetings are being proposed for the “off months” to address specific issues... i.e. charters, new directors, identified schools. Talk: dissolve and become networking group, other.

Region 10

Region 11 13,14,15– Send letters in the fall – no responses

Wayne County – officers, charlotte and Yvonne Mayfield, Mike, Dolores,

Monthly meeting \$15/ refreshment Agenda’s set. Met with RESA to see how they can better serve folks. Meetings are more topic focused this year. Letters sent to invite participation.

Region 12- MISD organizes, officers, agendas generated by membership. Monthly – no summer, November and February. Ideas are generated to plan for coming year. Thought round table topics might be helpful. Expanded membership – to all educators, principals, teachers.

The team was reminded that the Annual Checklist will serve as their year end report.

