

# Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists

April 13, 2006  
Regular Meeting  
Lansing, Michigan

## Minutes

### Attendance:

Linda Brown	Jan Callis	Peggy Coulouris	Paula Daniels
Sam Ewing	Margarita Frommert	Judy Handley	Deborah Kitson
Julie Lemond	Jeanette Magsig	Robyn Mosher	Terry Pawl
Bob Peper	Jim Reese	Karen Ruple	Sara Shriver
Roberta Stanley	Catherine Tibbett	Glenda Virden	Karon Yeager

Technical Assistant: Holli Buck

**Excused Absences:** Yvonne Caamal Canul, Milt Collins, Carol Lantz, Karen Lee, Julie Lemond, Marie Miller, Michele Sandro, Sharon Spencer, Willye Pigott, Sue Warren

Absent: Barry Martin

**Guest:** Sue Javid

**Call to Order:** 9:19 A.M.

**Welcome Introductions-** Sara Shriver

Welcomed Margarita Frommert – proposed new representative for region 14

### Additions/Modifications to Agenda

New Business – Discussion on congressional representative for region 7

### President's Report – Sara Shriver

- ✓ Officers meeting – May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 P.M.
- ✓ Fall Directors' Institute Committee meeting – May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 P.M.
- ✓ U.P. meeting – conference wrap up – Debbie and Catherine
- ✓ Beekman Communication: Harmon has notified us that his resignation is effective immediately (March). Sara will deliver Harmon's gift since he will not be with us today.

### *Special Honorees:* (Presentations and Recognition)

- Robert "Bob" Peper is resigning from active duty on the MASFPS Board. He will be "moving on" to pursue new endeavors.
- Linda Brown is retiring from the Michigan Department of Education and is returning to New York to take care of her parents.
- Julie Lemond, Judy Handley, and Jeanette Magsig received recognition for receiving state awards at NAFEPA

**President Elect's Report** – Jeanette Magsig

- Shared that we gave Harmon a gift card for stage plays as a special gift for his service to the organization.
- Summer Institute at Crystal Mountain (July 26-28, 2006)– make reservations ASAP
- Reviewed 2006-07 meeting dates- set your calendars

**Secretary's Report** – Paula Daniels

Minutes submitted for filing.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sam Ewing

- Account balance - \$110,000
- Deficit less than original the estimate for the current year's budget.
- Recommendation: Develop new professional development offerings and support products when the new reauthorization comes. Updates to current materials should not require a large budget because predicted changes will be minimal.

Report filed for audit.

**Executive Secretary's Report**

- Willye Pigott's brother passed. Flowers are being sent.
- RegOn Line – We are having problems with RegOn Line records. We may have to use them through next fall.
- Sam will assist in picking up the records from Harmon's. We will get a team to go through the extra materials. We will go over this task on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**NAFEPA Report** –Glenda Virden

- Glenda reported that the NAFEPA Conference went very well. She reviewed handouts from key sessions at the conference. *Special Note:* The inspector general is monitoring district plans in an attempt to audit the states' oversight of district programs.
- Copies of the NAFEPA Yearbook were shared. It was noted that we submitted 4 pages for the book but only 2 pages were published.
- Members reported on Capitol Hill visits. They ranged from high to marginal productivity levels of effectiveness.
- Sara will provide a NAFEPA Conference report for e-news.
- "Thank-you" to Holli for manning the table at the conference. "

**MDE** – Linda Brown

- The H.S. graduation requirements passed the State Board of Education with compromises. The State Board also passed the English language arts and math content expectations.
- Spring Workshops are scheduled.

- MEGS update – Title I school selection of funds will be completed in MEGS before the consolidated application can be completed. We will not be able to accept applications that are wrong. Comparability will be completed in the fall. We are working with CEPI to have instructional staff uploaded from REP to go right into the report. CEPI has agreed to upload early in the fall so districts can make modification. Hopefully this will make things much more manageable. Exclusions will still be done individually.
- State Auditor: The department has completed the single audit of school-wide programs by state auditor-- Findings:
  - We are not currently comparing the expenditures that districts submit on final expenditure by function code to the approved budget by function code. All deviation that may not be real because of a variety of factors. This may necessitate follow up with districts to find if there are true deviations.
  - Title I part D- At least 25% must be spent on professional development. We have not been adequately checking to ensure the 25% level spending.
  - We are not doing enough on-site monitoring. We are relying too much on the district CPA reports. Our consultants will be spending more time with on-site reviews. We don't have sufficient reasonable assurance that things are being monitored appropriately.
- MEGS now has the final expenditure report displayed. MEGS shows if there is more than a 10% deviation at the individual function.  
*2004-2005 reports are currently being reviewed.*
- *SES Update* – The site may now be accessed. Evaluators will be using this information to get quantitative data. We are going to start to work with the contractor for the SES evaluation – “Public Policy Association” a Lansing firm. Comparisons will be made between students receiving and not receiving SES service from the same school. Survey will be given to parents- satisfaction, communication, and other issues.

*STAY TUNED* - A temporary person will be working in Linda's position to keep things going. A permanent person will be coming after the department's needs have been assessed. A NCLB specialist / consultant – is to be sought. There will be many specialty assignments that need coverage. As soon as we know, we will notify you of specific names for these positions.

**MDE** – Roberta Stanley

- Congress recessed early because of divisions that prevented forward progress on legislative issues.
- The grass roots efforts to impact the education budget have made an impact. Seven billion dollars have been added to the budget in the Senate. Persistence pays off. We should have a better budget than the president proposed.
- We still need, however, to energize more people from the field. We have a window of opportunity to make a change. Hopefully the increased tide of awareness and anger about where the leadership has been will translate into

something good for us. House moderates are listening to their constituents so we need to maintain good communication with them. (Michigan moderates - Upton, Ehlers, Schwartz, Camp) We need to go with questions—tough questions regarding NCLB. Challenges need to be made before the 2009 projected push date.

- There is a mounting sentiment that we test too much and testing companies do not really have the ability to meet the needs.
- We have real issues in our state. We asked for changes in our accountability workbook. We have not heard back from them. Will our alternative assessments be counted? Will they count toward the 95% participation rate?

Special “*thanks*” to Roberta for her contributions at NAFEPA – instructions, words of wisdom, and handouts.

### **Book Study** – Peggy Coulouris

Caring: A wise person said- “When a person’s words and a person’s actions are in conflict, you learn more from their actions because their heart is in the actions.”

Peggy shared “Do It Anyway” -paradoxical commandments written and published by Kent Keith in 1968 modified by Mother Teresa.

From..... *Do It Anyway*

**“...Give the world the best you have,  
And it may never be enough;  
Give the world the best you’ve got anyway...”**

“Sharing is caring” – Sara

May “book study” – Jim Reese - *Pride*.

### **WORK GROUPS / Committees**

-no work groups-

### **INSITITUTE REPORTS**

**Winter (Mid Year) Institute**—no report

**UP** –Debbie Kitson and Catherine Tibbett

- Last week of April – 84 people currently registered. Hopefully that number will increase.
- The program is set and printed. Those who are attending, please help with SB CEUs stamping.

**FALL Institute** – Judy Handley

Fall Institute Information Update.

- Reviewed concurrent sessions- 21 scheduled and we will make contacts to confirm commitments. We also have some topics in reserve incase of need.

- Pre Conference David Hyerle – Sunday 1-4 Thinking Maps
- Sara Shriver - single audit
- High School Reform – recommended that we go through Jeremy Hughes to get a speaker from the department.
- Visit to Chateau Chantal – Deb will make contact
- Next meeting – May 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00
- Dates: Pre-conference Sunday November 12, Conference November 13-14

**I/O** –Glenda Virden

Spring Boot camp – May 3<sup>rd</sup> Winding Brook

New Directors academy on the docket

*(Boot Camp Update - Boot Camp flier is out. Please send it out to 10 people.)*

**Thinking Maps** – Sam Ewing

We will be putting in a similar proposal for 06-07 – 1 fall and 1 spring site.

**E-NEWS** – Terri Pawl

Reminded contributors for next edition.

**Formative Assessment** – Sam Ewing

On hold

**Communications**- Bob Peper

Great progress made on website

Bob would like to have the pictures of Board members put on the site.

Holli asked that we send her links to add to the site. Bert recommended that the Title IX site be added as a link.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

- **Region 14** - Margarita Frommert has been appointed to serve as the Region 14 representative. She will be on the ballot for this year.
- **Board Elections** - Elections will begin May 1 on Zommerang.
- **Marcie Brown Communication** - We received a communication from Marcie Brown indicating that she will be returning to the Title I position in her district. She wondered if her board position was available. The position has been filled but Marcie is being appointed to serve as the alternate for region 7.
- **“Toolkit” Proposal** - Milt Collins submitted a proposal for a continuation of the “Toolkit” project. Sam recommended that we complete the project. Members had questions before continuing. Milt will be meeting at the U.P Conference. He will be there to answer questions at that time.

- **Peper Closing Remarks**

Pep shared reflective closing words of wisdom and gave special thanks for the friendship and professionalism he has enjoyed as an active member of the organization.

- **Linda's Closing Remarks**

Linda thanked the organization for their years of commitment to children and shared that she would miss the relationships formed. She invited us to give her a call and come by anytime we were in her "neck of the woods" in New York.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

It was moved by Terry and seconded by Jim to adjourn.

Motion carried.

*Complete meeting notes available upon request.*