

**MAAP Board Meeting**  
**January 8, 2010**  
**Duluth, MN – DECC**  
(8:54 meeting called to order)

Present: Steve Allen, Megan Hendrix, Ryan Haasch, Don Hettinga, Julie Johnson-Willborg, Dan Hurley, Synova Nelson, Todd Mensink, Dave Hagman, Wayne Jennings, Bill Zimniewicz, Lucy Hart, Christine Sanguinet, Michelle Heizelman

- I. Introductions
- II. President Elect Appointment – At the December 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee approved the appointment of Dan Hurley for the position of President Elect.
- III. Conference Committee Meeting – Dave Hagman reviewed the January 7<sup>th</sup> Conference Committee Meeting.
  - *Dave motioned to accept the student artwork as the conference design for sweatshirts. Amendment made to have MAAP logo on the front with the student art work on the back, all approved.*
  - Dave acknowledge the first, second and third place winners of the student art contest.
  - Steve noted that Dave’s daughter, Maren, did a lot of work, helping pull the conference spreadsheet together. Synova Nelson motioned to pay Maren \$250; seconded by Lucy Hart, all approved (Dave Hagman – abstained from the vote).
  - Discussion for next year: Hotel rooms – we need to be sure that the members – if they have a choice, use one of our designated hotels – to make sure that we make the hotel quota.
  - We need to make sure to set aside a time for a Board meeting during the conference. Meeting was set for noon to 1:00 on Friday, February 12, 2010 at the DECC
- IV. Recovery school discussion – to add them as an affiliated organization – Steve has tried to get a response, hasn’t received one as of yet.
- V. OLA – Steve Allen and Christine Sanguinet had the opportunity to review and give feedback to Legislative Auditor’s Report. It will be released February 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> to the legislature.
- VI. Camp Ripley Educators Day – People seem to be excited about this event; registrations are already coming in.
- VII. Treasurer’s report – Julie Johnson-Willborg handed out and reviewed the check register and the bank balance statement.  
*Motion to approve the treasurer’s report by Lucy Hart, Dave Hagman seconded, all approved.*
- VIII. 501(c)3 Statis – Julie Johnson-Willborg is working with local auditors in Brainer regarding our 501(c)3 status.
- IX. *Secretaries Report - Don Hettinga moved to approve the minutes of Oct 23 meeting, Lucy Hart seconded , all approved*
- X. *Executive Committee Meeting - Michelle Heizelman moved to approve the December 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee minutes, Second by Megan Hendrix, all approved*
- XI. Executive Coordinator/Director Job Description – Synova Nelson provided background information on this position. Discussion continued.

- *Dave Hagman motioned to accept the amended job description; seconded by Lucy Hart, all approved.*
- XII. Bylaws – Bill Zimniewicz presented the recommended Bylaw changes. He noted that there was language cleaned up; changes made to mileage reimbursement and sub pay and language to allow the Board to hire an Executive Coordinator / Director.
- *Motion to approve the bylaw changes as outlined by Bill Zimniewicz (see attached) by Lucy Hart; seconded by Michelle Heizelman, all approved.*
- XIII. Conference Proposals for 2011, 2012, and 2013 – Steve submitted the bids for 2011, 2012 and 2013. The agreement with Duluth for next year is for \$4,950 for the conference center and \$7,500 in Rochester for 2012 and 2013. The dates are February 23-25, 2011; February 15-17, 2012; and February 13-15, 2013. Duluth will not set the hotel quotas until we see what the numbers are after this year’s conference.
- *Motion to approve to all three years contracts by Dave Hagman, Lucy Hart seconded, Discussion – is it too big? Do we need to look at a central location? We only get good evaluations with Rochester and Duluth. Can we do only two days if we need to? All approved.*
- XIV. New MDE Alternative Education Specialist – Dave Bakke was introduced as the new MDE Alternative Education Specialist. Dave was previously an English teacher and he has worked in gifted education. Most recently, he has worked at MDE in the area of staff development. Dave has a strong background in Professional Learning Communities. Dave said that he doesn’t know a lot about alternative education, but he wants to hear what we do, hear what our challenges are and see what he can do to help us. Dave is going to be a judge in the up-coming STARS competition.
- XV. Election of Officers – It has been really difficult getting people to run for office. The Executive Committee will meet prior to the conference to approve a slate of officers.
- XVI. Legislative- Steve Allen and Wayne Jennings reviewed the Legislative Platform. The platform includes: multiple assessments, raising the age from 21 to 23 for targeted populations, alternative licensure, site governed schools and the increase in extended time revenue.
- XVII. STARS – Todd Mensink provided a STARS update:
- Legislative Day – March 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Spring Conference – April 15-16 in Bloomington, MN
  - STARS Officers will present at the MAAP conference and will have an exhibit in the exhibitor area
  - We should be able to lower the costs next year for the Fall conference because we will be holding it at Camp Ripley.
  - February 25<sup>th</sup> Derek Greenfield will be at Spring Lake Park ALC in the morning and the White Bear Lake ALC in the afternoon.
- XVIII. Other business: A link to Facebook has been attached to our web site; Christine will create a twitter account and start making tweets!
- What are the important things that we need to take back and make sure that we communicate to our members

- Wayne Jennings: Continue our to model that we are the “preeminent voice in alternative education”
- Bill Zimmewicz: Push the conference, find ways to attend using title money or whatever
- Lucy Hart: Volunteer for the organization
- Christine Sanguinet: Twitter
- Michelle Heizelman: Leadership opportunities are available
- Steve Allen: Visit the new web site
- Dave Bakke: OLA report
- Megan Hendrix: Work on Facebook page
- Ryan Haasch: We’re struggling and we need people
- Don Hettinga: Get the word out about conference
- Dan Hurley: OLA issues
- Synova Nelson: Executive Coordinator
- Todd Mensink: Executive Coordinator
- Dave H.: OLA report will help us reframe how we evaluate our programs and will help morale in our schools to help tell our stories and our kids stories
- Steve: Send five photos to Laura Freer for the conference slide show.

XIX. New Business: Mike VanKeulen from the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) made a presentation to the Board regarding NELC and Service Learning. MAAP is the first organization that NYLC has come to be a part of their new social networking / professional development site. This is an attempt to transform schools and to create service learning opportunities as an integral part of curriculum in schools. The fee will be initially free for MAAP members due to State Farm and Microsoft support. Allison Whittlef is currently assisting this them with attaining college credit for their services. *Christine Sanguinet moved to appoint Steve Allen to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Michael VanKeulen from NYLC to outline work with GSN, Megan Hendrix seconded, Discussion: Michelle Heizelman asked for clarification on what would be in the MOU? Steve Allen replied that it would outline what MAAP promises to do and what NYLC promises to do, all approved.*

XX. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lucy Hart. Adjournment at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Christine A. Sanguinet  
MAAP Secretary