

Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs
Board Meeting – October 23, 2009
Camp Ripley, MN

I. **Call to order: 11:00 a.m.**

Present:

Bill Zimmewicz

Dave Hagman

Lucy Hart

Kristin Tuel

Todd Mensink

Steve Allen

Don Hettinga

Laura Freer

Julie Johnson-Willborg

Christine Sanguinet

Kara Tiggas-Cisco

Wayne Jennings

Allison Whittlef

Dan Daly

Chip Borkenhagen/Kayleen

Larson

Margie Buckley

Megan Hendrix

Ryan Haasch

Michelle Heizelman

Mike Bellos

II. **2009 Conference discussion**

- *Michelle Heizelman moved to allow past exemplary award winners free access to the conference, Julie Johnson-Wilborg seconded, approved*
- *Lucy Hart moved to approve \$2,500 contract for both keynote speakers which includes travel, Megan Hendrix seconded, approved*
- Bill Zimmewicz brought a non-MAAP member concern about this year's keynote speaker, William Ayers – there is a non MAAP member but an ALC staff who has expressed concern about having Mr. Ayers at the MAAP Conference and tax dollars spent on that kind of controversial speaker. This non-MAAP member's concerns were heard by the board.
- a. **Middle level conference update** – Allison Whittlef: survey was sent out to past conference attendees. Overwhelming information response was that this was not the year to do middle level stand alone conference – instead be very pro active and conscientious about the State conference by doing mid level breakout sessions.
 - **Allison will send an announcement to Steve on promotion the midlevel parts of the state conference**
 - **Board members need to recruit 7 to 8 presenters for the conference** – concurrent presentation – so that we can promote it – December 18th need to have RFPs in for conference, send to Dave Hagman – This is not related to middle level conference update. It's a separate item.
 - **If you have suggestions from mid level people of what they want (or even ask them?) please get that information to Allison**
- b. **Art work contest:** Original 2-color art for the student artwork for conference logo
- c. **Elections:** We need a President-Elect, Director-at-Large, Legislative chair, Communications chair, SpEd Rep, newsletter ed.

- Steve proposed that the executive committee meet this November to hammer out the logistics of hiring an Executive Director along with any proposed necessary bylaw changes – with full board approval on Jan 8th
- *Michelle moved to have an executive committee special meeting in November to go over the logistics needed to hire an ED, Lucy Hart seconded, discussion*

Statement from Bill Zimmewicz: We need to make sure that we have a president elect before we move forward

Statement from Julie Johnson-Wilborg: President elect can be an appointment

Statement from Bill Zimmewicz: Hiring an Executive Director will help alleviate the responsibilities needed to be president and might make it easier to find someone to run for office

Statement from Dan Daly: Don't forget that the power that we have is that we're an all volunteer organization and we need to make sure that the president is the voice of our organization, not an Executive Director

Motion Approved

d. Future site agreements:

- *Lucy Hart moves to accept Duluth for 2011 – locked in the 24th and 25th (with either a 3 or 2 day conference to be determined later), Don Hettinga seconded, approved*
- Rochester is already approved for 2012 – Feb 15th – 17th
- Discussion – do we want to go back to the two year rotation – planning standpoint makes it easier if you can do the 2 year piece – but we do lose the amount of people attending because of being so far south or so far north twice – Steve will talk to Rochester and bring back info to the Jan 8th

III. STARS REPORT

- Mike Bellos (works the northern Minnesota for visits to Camp Ripley) introduced Staff Sgt. Josh Schnider (recruiter) to talk about GED PLUS and then talked about the Camp Ripley campus. Discussion followed regarding how we may be able to use Camp Ripley for the STARS next year.
- Educational programming is also available. Please contact: Dave Bambenek 651.775.9466 (works the metro area for visits to Camp Ripley) Mike Niemczyk 507.381.1025 (works southern Minnesota for visits to Camp Ripley)
- Discussion on Alternative/Charter STAFF day in March – to learn about all the career opportunities for students (environmental/science/etc..)

IV. Website

- Evergreen Press President Chip Borkenhagen and staff member Kayleen Larson presented the new MAAP website. Both Chip and Kayleen expressed that they are “very honored and thankful to be helping the MAAP board take our organization/communication to the next level.”
- MAAP MAPs are current and it shows that we've lost many schools. These maps reflect the actual paid schools from the 2009 conference.

- **Regional Directors need to be sure to cross check who in their region has/hasn't paid**
- We need to look at our membership process/need to actively recruit schools
- Chip and Kayleen went through the new website and MAAP logo with the board.

V. Approval of the minutes from May 18-19th Board Retreat

- *Don Hettinga moved to approve the minutes, Lucy Hart seconded, minutes approved*

VI. Bylaws

- *Motion by Megan Hendrix to change the substitute reimbursement in the bylaws ARTICLE 10 Section 6 Subpart 2(b) to state "the actual rate," seconded by Lucy Hart, approved*
- Michelle moves to change the bylaws ARTICLE 10 Section 6 Subpart 2(b) for the number of days reimbursement from 3 days to 5 days for state meetings for board and committee members, seconded by Ryan Haasch, motion failed after three times asked.
- There was discussion for a motion to be made that MAAP will pay actual costs per day for substitutes for officers, regional directors and committee chairs attending state meetings. **This was tabled for discussion on November executive meeting. Christine Sanguinet and Bill Zimniewicz will pull together and clean up the bylaws for the November executive meeting.**

VII. Treasurers Report

- *Lucy Hart moved to accept the treasurers report, Megan Hendrix seconded, approved*
- **Regional Directors need to email regional reports to Julie Johnson-Wilborg to receive their \$1,000 stipend. Send these reports to Steve Allen too.**

VIII. Legislative report

- Proposed platform is in draft form
- We are not rehiring GSP and we are looking to not have representation this year due to it being a bonding year and the current economy.
- Wayne Jennings, Rep. David Bly, Steve Allen and Bob Wedl met to discuss Site based management law and the OLA audit
- *Michelle Heizelman moved to approve the proposed legislative platform, Lucy Hart seconded, approved.*
- Recovery schools platform: Sober school –MN Recovery Schools would like to become a subgroup of MAAP – the MN Recovery schools meet yearly throughout the US, but isn't as consistent as they'd like to be. Similar to the mid-levels, regular meetings and continue to meet at the State conference. Heidi Judge has agreed to serve as a chair person on the board if we agree to it. The Board encouraged Steve to appoint Heidi Judge to serve as a non-voting member of the MAAP Board.
- Middle Class Amendment: Steve is asking for a motion to have MAAP endorse Rep. Bly's "Middle Class Amendment." There was a limited amount of discussion on the book. The Board suggested that we ask David to come present this at the conference– MAAP could buy 50 copies to give out to those members who attend his session.

IX. IALA

- Working with EdEvolving to try and organize a network of state organizations – many of the state organizations have gone by the wayside and new ones have cropped up. EdEvolving has really been active in Site Based Management. To provide a summit of

nationwide organizations that represent learning options to help create policy that will help make it better for all learning options in the nation.

X. Board of Teaching

- Rule change going to the BOT and will be adopted by them in Jan for paraprofessionals. The BOT will grant a credential – but it isn't a requirement.
- Standard licensing training, portfolio and district made licensing (might be a different way of going through traditional methods.)

XI. Communication back to our members

- Megan Hendrix: Region is doing a student summit - Project Legos.
- David Hart: Fire people up for the conference.
- Dan Daly: Read Rep. Bly's book
- Kara Tiggas-Cisco: Communicating the conference
- Todd Mensink: Alchemist Dec. 1st submissions dues
- Bill Zimniewicz: Bill Ayers
- Lucy Hart: Getting presenters
- Allison Whittlef: Mid level breakouts for 2010 Conference
- Ryan Haasch: New website and get involved
- Michelle Heizelman: Membership and cleaning it up & list of schools fall summit
- Kristen: PLC on Ayers and Rep. Bly back to do some smaller alternative programs to attend state conference
- Margie Buckley: Cleaning up membership and website
- Don Hettinga: Presenters for conference and mid level
- Christine: Bill Ayers
- Julie Johnson-Wilborg: Conference
- Wayne: Work with two charters and looking to get them to all present at the conference
- Steve: What a great Board MAAP has!

XII. Adjournment at 2:30 p.m. - Michelle Heizelman moved to adjourn, Megan Hendrix seconded

Respectfully Submitted:
Christine Sanguinet
MAAP Secretary