

General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday February 5, 2014
Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel**

Welcome and Introductions

MAASE President Carolyn Smith-Gerdes opened the meeting at 9:02 AM and welcomed everyone.

MDE Reports

- Office of Special Education – Terri Johnson
 - Please see OSE Updates and PowerPoint on the MAASE Wiki at:
<http://maase.pbworks.com/w/page/71513268/OSE%20Updates>
- Office of Great Start - Susan Broman
 - The OGS recently piloted an early childhood assessment procedure.
 - Last summer OGS completed our quality rating system & standards.
 - Dec – Race to the Top Grant was approved by the USDOE
 - Governor Snyder noted in his 2014 “State of the state” that there would be a significant addition for Early Childhood programs to the State budget.
 - Race to the top early learning challenge grants – is a massive influx of 52 million including quality improvement activities and a continuum of services.

“Spotlight”

Stephanie Peters presented the Early Childhood Administrators CoP Project Report entitled “*Comparing Early Childhood Systems: IDEA Early Intervention Systems in the Birth-Mandate States.*”

Call to order

President Carolyn Smith-Gerdes called the business meeting to order at 10:52 AM.

I. Approval Of Consent Agenda

- Dave Manson made a motion to accept the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Tom Koepke and passed unanimously.

II. Executive Reports/Announcements

- Executive Board Meeting Report - Carolyn Smith-Gerdes
 - There is a need for new strategic planning with member involvement
 - Bylaws “revision” reading in April
 - The Board approved a new procedure for social media use by the Board.
 - In March there will be a leadership team meeting for strategic planning
 - President Elect will chair an Audit Committee
 - MLAS is scheduled in April
 - Working on Early Childhood funding recommendations.
 - Eve Mills has been appointed to co-chair the Membership Services Committee and Eric Hoppstock has been appointed to the LAC.
- Bylaws/Procedures Committee - Dawn Bentley
 - Approved preliminary draft
 - Will focus on Procedures work next
- Legislative Action Committee - John Bretschneider
 - Will begin work to update the platform
 - Currently working on the Critical shortage issue

- MLAS planning going on
- Part 3 group report
- Proposed rules work to start
- Professional Development Steering Committee - John Bretschneider
 - The Steering Committee will be meeting with Nancy Colflesh on March 12.
 - Mentoring moved to Membership Services Committee
- Association Partnership Committee - Jennifer Scott-Burton
 - Telephone conference was held
 - Another meeting soon, target a few associations
- Executive Director Report - Tony Thaxton
 - Membership stands at 643
 - Winter Institute attendance was 270
 - SLIP Winter Conference drew 190
 - Present Executive Board with 2012-13 Tax Return and Financial Review.
 - Exploring Umbrella Liability Insurance for entire Board.

III. MAASE Standing Committee Reports

- Finance & Legislation - Michael Ghareeb
 - Reviewed State & federal issues
 - Heard that State Aide constitutes increasing retirement funding
 - Heard about MOE supplemental amendments
 - MI is meeting MOE requirements
 - Flow-through grant reports not required this year
- Membership Services - Deb Koepke
 - Hospitality activity was reviewed
 - Scholarship MCEC Foundation Jewelry Sale was reviewed
 - Eve Mills reported on mentoring program plans, ideas welcome
- MAASE Mini-Grants - Ellen Winter/Kim Samelstad
 - Reviewed winners of grants
 - Committee members were identified and thanked
- MAASE Wiki - Michelle Wolschlager
 - Re-org. is complete

IV. MAASE PD Committee Reports

- Tuesday Professional Development - Shari Amstead
 - Announced April Workshops
 - Thanks for survey responses
 - Introduced committee
 - April plan for 2014
- New Administrator Academy - Abby Allen
 - Meeting scheduled for this PM
 - April ideas will be reviewed
- Summer Institute - Sue Pearson
 - No report
- Winter Institute - Janis Weckstein
 - No report
- "Spotlight" - Karen Rockhold
 - No report

V. Project Reports

- Creating Agreement - Janis Weckstein
 - No report
- Comparing Early Childhood Systems - Stephanie Peters

- See "Spotlight" presentation

VI. Communities of Practice

- Early Childhood Administrators - Stephanie Peters/Sondra Stegenga
 - Discussion re auditor general report for Early Childhood
 - Discussed Phase in 1852 rule
 - Discussed Pletcher workshop outcomes
 - Presented 3-5 inclusion strategies
 - MASA discussing boundary issues
- ASD Program Administrators - Donna Jones/Diane Heinzelman
 - Guidance doc available on wiki
 - Discussed Bryan Davey workshop
- Urban Special Education Administrators - Jacqueline McDougal
 - No report
- Supervisors of Low Incidence Programs - Brian Pianosi
 - SLIP Conference center staff needs to come next time Day 1 & 2
 - Weeda (replaces alpha)
 - Ed Yes due in March
- Planner-Monitors - Michael Ghareeb
 - Monitors conference May 8 & 9
 - Regional committees postponed due to new rules package
 - Focus Monitoring situation this year
- HI Program Administrators - Trish Lopucki
 - Megan Richter
 - Proposed Interpreter rules on our radar
- EI & Adjudicated Youth Program Administrator - Mike Marinello
 - No report
- Secondary Transition Administrators - June Gothberg
 - One of 5 states selected for IDEA Partnership webinars re transition

VII. Organizations, Work Groups & MAASE Appointee Reports

- SEAC - Janis Weckstein
 - No Report
- CASE - Jennifer Scott-Burton
 - Explained about the MCEC workshop sponsored by MAASE
 - Invited participants to the reception Wednesday at CEC.
- Michigan CEC - Laurie Jefsen
 - Laurie reviewed the 2014 MCEC Conference and encouraged MAASE member attendance
- MI Interagency Coordinating Council - Sondra Stegenga
 - MICC Committees looking at feeding intervention

VIII. Informational Items

- Membership Recognition - Dawn Bentley
 - New administrators were introduced.

IX. Call for Candidates - Carolyn Smith-Gerdes

- The following members were nominated:
 - President-Elect - Rachel Fuerer
 - Executive Board Region 1a – Andrew Claes
 - Executive Board Region 2 – Michelle Proulx
 - Executive Board Region 4 – Lance Siegwald
 - Executive Board - LEA/PSA Representative – Wayne Abbott

X. Adjournment