



# General Membership Meeting Minutes

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**Wednesday April 17, 2013**  
Lexington Lansing Hotel

The meeting was called to order by President John Bretschneider at 9:05 AM.

## OSE Update Report

See "OSE and MAPs Updates" along with the PowerPoint on the MAASE Wiki at:  
[http://maase.pbworks.com/w/page/9881717/Office%20of%20Special%20Education%20\(OSE\)](http://maase.pbworks.com/w/page/9881717/Office%20of%20Special%20Education%20(OSE))

## "Spotlight"

MSU Professor - Dr. David Arsen presented *A Viewpoint on Michigan School Finance And The Proposed "Michigan Public Education Finance Act" (PEFA) aka "The Oxford Group Proposal"*

- I. Approval Of Consent Agenda** John Bretschneider, President
- A. *April 17, 2013 General Membership Meeting Agenda*
  - B. *February 6, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes*

Andy Claes moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. It was seconded by Jennifer Scott-Burton and passed unanimously.

**II. Executive Reports/Announcements**

- A. Executive Board Meeting Report John Bretschneider

President Bretschneider reviewed MAASE Executive Board discussion and actions highlighting the approval of a Urban Special Education Administrator CoP, The 2013 Leadership Retreat, and the approval of the application to establish a Specialty Endorsement program. Complete minutes are available on the MAASE website at: <http://www.maase.org/DownloadCenter.php?ID=1>.

- B. Executive Director Report Tony Thaxton

Executive Director Thaxton reported updated professional learning registration and membership data as well as current budget information.

- C. Bylaw Change Recommendations (second reading) Carolyn Smith-Gerdes

Rug Dozzi made a motion to approve the Bylaw change recommendation. It was supported by Andy Claes and passed unanimously.

- D. Bylaw Change Recommendations (first reading) Carolyn Smith-Gerdes

Upon conclusion of the first reading Lucian Parshal recommended some minor wording changes.

- E. Legislative Action Committee Carolyn Smith-Gerdes

Carolyn reported the first "pilot" Legislative Action Seminar was held on Monday and Tuesday at April MAASE and included a presentation on Monday by Brad Biladeau and Becky Rocco. Tuesday a small group of attendees met at the state capital for meetings with representatives and senators.

- F. Prof. Development Steering Committee Janis Weckstein

Janis reported that the committee will attempt to meet prior to the June MAASE meeting to discuss 2013-14 PD activities.

### III. MAASE Standing Committee Reports

- A. Finance & Legislation Jenifer Scott-Burton

Chair Scott-Burton reported that the committee heard updates from OSE staff and MASA activities. Members of the committee were encouraged to consider attending the CASE Leadership Seminar in DC this summer. Please see the MAASE wiki for the minutes of this meeting.

- B. Membership Services Deb Koepke

Chair Koepke announced the names of those members that received free or reduced membership with the drawing that was held on Tuesday. She reminded members to please plan to attend the MAASE Retirement Celebration in June.

- C. MAASE Mini-Grants Winter/Samelstad

Chairs Samelstad and Winter again thanked members helping to make selections and to please share recommendations for 2013-14.

- D. MAASE Wiki Michelle Gulley

Executive Director Thaxton reported that the committee has made several changes and updates with the Wiki site and that the committee will meet in May to make further decisions for site improvement.

### IV. MAASE PD Committee Reports

- A. Tuesday Professional Development Shari Amstead

Chairperson Amstead reported on planning for 2012-14 and requested that members contact her with recommendations.

- B. New Administrator Academy Laura LaMore

New Chairpersons for 2013-14, Dave and Cheryl-Marie Manson, were announced.

- C. Summer Institute Dawn Bentley

Chairperson Bentley reminded everyone to be sure to make lodging reservations asap. She announced that proposals would be accepted through May 10 as they attempt to get more from the field. She also mentioned the ROMP (Bike Tour) and Golf Outing.

- D. Winter Institute Janis Weckstein

Chairperson Weckstein reported that feedback was very positive and will be used as we begin to discuss 2014.

- E. "Spotlight" Karen Rockhold

Karen reported that Vince Dean from the MDE BAA will be presenting in June.

### V. Project Reports

- A. Creating Agreement Janis Weckstein

No report

- B. Comparing Early Childhood Systems Stephanie Peters

Chair Peters explained again the focus of this project and she reviewed some preliminary discoveries regarding how other states differ from Michigan.

- C. Support the State Plan for Persons with ASD Jones/Heinzelman

Chairperson Heinzelman reported that they hope to have a series of presentations at Summer Institute 2013.

## **VI. Communities of Practice**

- A. Early Childhood Administrators Peters/Vanderzwaag

Chair Peters reported that the CoP continues to have excellent participation. Members are encouraged to check the Wiki for meeting agendas and minutes.

- B. Supervisors of Low Incidence Programs Tina Lawson

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- C. Planner-Monitors Michael Ghareeb

The Planner/Monitor Conference will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. The focus will be on the “problem Solving Process.” Connie Cullip is the conference chairperson.

- D. HI Program Administrators Mindy Miller

Rules for Interpreters continue to be the focus of the group and Mindy outlined some of the issues and plans for follow-up.

- E. EI Program Administrators Mike Marinello

No report

- F. Adjudicated Youth Program Administrators Chip Clearwater

No Report

- G. Secondary Transition Administrators Chuck Saur

No report.

## **VII. Organizations, Work Groups & MAASE Appointee Reports**

- A. SEAC Dawn Bentley

Dawn reviewed the issues currently under discussion including research of the Personal Curriculum.

- B. CASE Jennifer Scott-Burton

Jennifer reported on attendance at the National CEC Conference in San Antonio including the Board of Directors meeting and the MAASE Awards.

- C. Michigan CEC Lucian Parshall

Lucian reviewed the success of the MCEC conference including a significant up-tick in registrations.

- D. MI Interagency Coordinating Council Sondra Stegenga

Sondra reported to the group about the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the council wherein they received a draft of Early On Data.

## **VIII. Informational Items**

- A. Membership Recognition Carolyn Smith-Gerdes

## **IX. Call for Candidates**

Janis Weckstein

- A. President-Elect

There were no new candidates nominated in addition to Dawn Bentley who was nominated in February.

- B. Executive Board – Region 1b and Region 3 Representatives

There were no new candidates nominated in addition to Greg LaMore and Donna Jones.

## **X. Adjournment**

President Bretschneider adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM