



Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education

Standing Committees

2009 – 2010 School Year

Finance and Legislation

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The Finance & Legislation committee keeps MAASE members informed of the issues, concerns, and new information related to special education legislation and finance. Representatives from the Policy and Finance department of the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services (OSE-EIS) provide updates for committee members and serve as liaisons between MAASE and MDE. This committee is frequently asked to draft positions on various legislative, policy, and finance issues that are sent to the MAASE Executive Board for approval.

Membership Recruitment

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The primary goal of the committee is to extend the benefits of MAASE membership throughout Michigan. Efforts are made to recruit individuals who may have a primary responsibility other than that of special education, but who are their districts' designated special education contacts and to new Special Education administrators.

Supervisors of Low-Incidence Programs (SLIP)

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SLIP includes individuals that supervise low incidence programs across the state. The vast majority of members are principals of specialized schools offering special education programming, but membership is open to anyone who supervises a low incidence program. Meetings are held the Tuesday of MAASE in Lansing during lunch. From time to time, all day meetings are held at program sites. SLIP has produced a curriculum guide for Participation and Supported Independence students and is now in the process of aligning the extended grade level content expectations to those two curriculums. SLIP has also assisted MDE in the approval of Section 53 health care aides, as well as assisted in the modification of the School Improvement Frameworks to make them applicable to specialized schools offering special education programs. This year the focus will be on AYP and what it means to specialized schools.

Membership Networking

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The Hospitality Committee is committed to providing MAASE members with opportunities to network with fellow members. Hospitality is provided directly following the Tuesday Professional Development Workshops. At the December meeting the Hospitality Committee also sponsors a popular and successful charity raffle.

Mini-Grants

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Mini-Grants for the development and implementation of new and innovative techniques, materials, or programs, are available to special educators across Michigan through MAASE members. Funding is awarded on a competitive basis. Committee members are involved in determining the grant amounts, reading and ranking applications and disbursing funds. One of the recipients of the mini-grants is selected to receive the President's Award. This project then receives additional funding and presents at the MAASE Cracker-Barrel each June.