



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, October 14, 2019

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Crowne Plaza - Packard

Agenda

Members Present: Abby Cypher, Katie Flynn, Tami Mannes, Ben Hicks, Karen Howey, Trish Lopucki, Nikki Moore, Tammy Nyen, Brenda Tarsa, Renee Thelen, Sarah Winslow

Members Absent: n/a

Other Attendees/Guests: Sue Leach, MAASE Executive Associate; Tabitha Zimne and Matt Kurta from Karoub Associates

Call to Order at 9:08 am

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from Board Meeting of June 10, 2019
 - Motion – Tammy Nyen
 - Support – Sarah Winslow
 - Unanimous approval
- b. Approval of Board Meeting October 14, 2019 Agenda
 - Motion – Ben Hicks
 - Support – Nikki Moore
 - Unanimous approval

2. Statewide Updates - What to expect at today's Leadership Meeting

- a. The energy around “fixing” special education in Michigan.
- b. How we leverage our capacity as an organization to support the work happening in Michigan around special education.
- c. How we strengthen association partnerships in order to support this work, create efficiencies and reduce duplicate work.
- d. Review our financials in the context of a, b & c above.
 - a. MAISA is raising membership dues.
 - b. Potential for revenue.
 - e. Revisit this issue after the Leadership Team Retreat.
 - f. Ensuring MAASE has a voice at all the appropriate tables.

3. Karoub Update and Recommendations

Last June MAASE met with Karoub about the current lobbyist contract (part-time lobbyist services). The Board decided to to continue services with a month-to-month contract with Karoub.

The difficulty for Karoub has been that there is no single contact person from MAASE who can coordinate immediate responses needed relative to special education issues and be a consistent "face of MAASE" at various tables. All other associations they work with have an executive director, and they encourage MAASE to consider this option.

Karoub also described the activities they could provide if MAASE moved from part-time to full-time lobbyist services.

2. Karoub Followup

The Board discussed the presentation from Karoub. Two motions were made and subsequently tabled around hiring a part-time executive director and increasing lobbyist services.

3. Executive Associate

- a. Financial Statements - July, August & September 2019 in Board folder, as well as Fifth Third statement from September 2019
- b. Thank You notes from Scott Richards & Zac George
- c. State of Michigan Corporation Filing Complete
- d. MARESA Grant received for MDE OSE's participation with MAASE
- e. Crowne Plaza AV Price Sheet

4. Reports of Committees

- a. President, Abby Cypher
 1. Executive Associate evaluation was completed in June and Sue's contract was renewed for 2019-20
 2. LAC Report
 - a. Standards for Administrators - MAASE gave public comment to MDE
 - b. Strict Discipline Academy
 - c. MMC
- b. Vice-President, Nikki Moore – No report
- c. Vice-President Elect, Renee Thelen – No report
- d. Past President, Brenda Tarsa – No report
- e. ISD Administrators, Katie Flynn

Interested in learning more about the (SELN); recent OSE communications include updated guidance on discipline and transition
- f. LEA Administrators, Trish Lopucki – No report
- g. Region 1a Rep., Tammy Nyen - No report
- h. Region 1b Rep., Ben Hicks - No report
- i. Region 2 Rep., Sarah Winslow - No report
- j. Region 3 Rep., Tami Mannes

Equity and Access, Single Tier Project: Last February the report was approved by the Board. The Committee would like to continue working on this subject to address issues/questions by members and the OSE. Abby approved.
- k. Region 4 Rep., Karen Howey - No report

5. Adjournment at 11:52 am