



# General Membership Meeting October 14, 2015 Minutes

*Crowne Plaza Lansing West*

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## MAASE General Membership Meeting

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- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions Donna Jones, President
- 9:05 OSE Report - Division of Accountability Services John Jaquith
- 9:45 Spotlight: Practical Applications of Leading by Convening Eric Hoppstock
- 10:30 Break**
- 10:35 Call to Order Donna Jones
- I. Approval Of Consent Agenda** Donna Jones
- A. October 14, 2015 General Membership Meeting Agenda - Moved by Eric Hoppstock, seconded by Greg Bodrie. Motion carried.
- B. June 10, 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes Moved by Andy Claes, Seconded by Dawn Bentley. Motion carried.
- II. Board of Directors Reports/Announcements**
- A. Executive Board Meeting Report Donna Jones
- i) Review of 2015-16 Board of Directors.
- ii) Acknowledged work of those serving on: Legislative Action Committee, Finance and Legislation Committees, and New Member committee.
- iii) Highlighted 4 focus areas:
1. High quality student evaluations
  2. Specially designed instruction
  3. Skilled staff
  4. Program and Evaluation
- Through the platforms of:
- Association Partnerships
  - Professional Learning
  - Legislative Action and Advocacy
  - Membership Services

iv) MAASE 3-day Restructure

The Board is looking at the structure of MAASE - how does it impact the work of MAASE? Can we meet our needs in a different way? A subgroup reviewed the structure with stakeholders (retirees, urban, rural, new members, ISD/local administrators, past-presidents, etc.).

Responses to feedback from the stakeholders are being reviewed.

Big pieces to look further into:

- Connect to new members quickly to share the MAASE message/purpose.
- Professional learning and the different styles of learning
- Networking opportunities
- Understand the feeling of MAASE being a *respite*
- 2-day versus 3-day structure
- MDE updates (non-negotiable)
- General Membership meeting (required by Bylaws)
- Create time for committees to do their work

Board talked about priorities and perhaps making changes to the structure yet this year.

Members are invited to share feedback, along with potential solutions.

B. Legislative Action Committee (see Wiki for report)

Dawn Bentley

2015-16 goals:

- Define “legislatively active” for MAASE
- Testified to Senate on critical shortage legislation
- Active on 2 bills: HB4822 and SB103
- Sent out RFP for lobbyist
- Presentation to SBE on making Michigan a Top 10 State in Education
- Finished a number of One-Pagers
- Updated position on restraint and seclusion (see wiki)
- Currently working to identify alignment between MAASE work and LG’s recommendations.

C. Professional Development Steering Committee

Donna Jones

- Resurrected as a committee to align the way we approach our work.
- In the initial stages of defining this committee. More to come.

D. Association Partnerships Committee

Matt Korolden

- Mental Health Coalition partnership
- New partnerships to come following securing a lobbyist

**III. MAASE Standing Committee Reports**

A. Finance & Legislation

Mindy Miller

Purpose of committee reevaluated, especially the connection to LAC. Current work:

- Lt. Governor Calley report for LAC - looking for volunteers
- Retention - looking for volunteers

- ESEA work complete
- IDEA reauthorization sub-committee looking for other members to assist. Contact Mindy Miller or Abby Allen if interested.
- Update from John Andrejack regarding 4094/4096, MOE, and CEIS.
- Update from Nancy Rotarius regarding ISD plans. Paper format until moved to new system next summer.
- Joanne Winkelman updated MARSE revision to include interpreter rule.
- MAASE Legislative Action Seminar in April - Mark King. Wants to expand learning by including in February Tuesday PL.

B. Membership Services

Carolyn Smith-Gerdes

- Regional Reps important part of membership services
- New welcome packet for new members
- Mentoring initiative (pair with established MAASE member to access)
- No Charity auction in December

C. Mini-Grants

Kim Samelstad

- Purpose of MAASE Mini-Grants reviewed
- 10 awarded each year in an amount of \$500
- applications due December 11, 2015. Winner announced third week in Jan. 2016.
- Application will be available next week on the MAASE website.
- Recommendation from the president to focus grants around 4 identified focus areas.

**IV. MAASE PL Committee Reports**

A. Tuesday Professional Learning

Shari Armstead

- December - Joanne Cashman and - "No such thing as a bad kid" (Charlie Appelstein)
- February - Legal Updates and Legislative Awareness and Skills
- April - JoAnne Cashman and Early Childhood Trauma (Dr. Jim Henry)
- June - JoAnne Cashman and Tier 3 Interventions (Dr. Lou Danielson)
- Any suggestions for next year's line up can be submitted to Shari.

B. Developing Leaders

Abby Allen

- 3:30 - 6:30pm time change for this year
- Explored MAASE restructure with Developing Leaders
- 50 participants attended October meeting with topic of Risk-taking role models
- All resources from meeting can be found on Twitter #MAASElearns and on Wiki
- December meeting will be: ½ hour keynote and 6 breakouts (attend 3)
- Feedback positive: focused on networking, solution-focused, introverts honored.

C. Summer Institute

Sue Pearson

- 600 people attended the 2015 Summer Institute.
- Committee will be meeting this afternoon to begin looking at keynote and a theme for 2016, and will be aligning with the 4 strategic areas.

## V. Project Reports

Early On Single Service

Paul Dymowski

May 2014 report from Stephanie Peters - recommendations reviewed and initial meetings regarding moving toward a single -tier system.

## VI. Communities of Practice

A. Early Childhood Administrators (written report)

Michelle Bahr

*Our group continues to grow in size. We continue to work on increasing inclusive environments for preschool, while adhering to special education rules and GSRP and Head Start guidelines. Our agenda always covers topics for Early On and Three to Five year olds. We will continue travel to each other's sites for "all day learning" this year.*

B. ASD Program Administrators

Diane Heinzelman

- Committee meeting this afternoon.
- New chairperson is Christie Owens.

B. Urban Special Education Administrators

Jacque McDougal

- Aligning vision of COP with MAASE. Discussed common issues including:
  - Teacher and para shortages
  - Weaning 1:1 aides
  - Documentation of services
  - Transitioning Technology for teachers
  - CPI Training

C. Supervisors of Low Incidence Programs

Tina Lawson

- SLIP conference Jan 14-15, 2016. Call for presentations regarding Transition on MAASE website. Day 2 will focus on group needs (i.e. Assessment, SIP, etc.)
- CEC presentations encouraged from SLIP to focus on Center program topics.
- Site visit for November at Center Program.
- Roundtable - powerpoint w/voiceover shared to assist new paras coming to Center program. Discussed sub shortages.

D. Planner-Monitors

Michelle Wolschlager

- Meet Wednesday mornings. Reviewed:
- Advisory team report
- What's in process with CIMS and B13 corrections
- New monitor Monday meetings hosted by MDE now for all Monitors, not just new.
- Updated monitoring mentor grid (available on wiki)
- Will be working on a monitoring mentor program within individual regions.

- E. D/HH Program Administrators Trish Lopucki
- What does the group need? Scheduled presenters to address these needs.
  - Meet twice a year (meeting today and in April)

- F. SEI & Adjudicated Youth Program Administrators Kristi Bonter
- At Tuesday's lunch meeting, discussed:
- SEI - foreign language requirement for MMC
  - Transitioning students back to locals
  - How to address mental health issues in the educational setting
  - Detention topics - funding, programs, and length of stay

- G. Secondary Transition Administrators Pete Johnson
- MITOP is completely closed, and Maria Peak is retiring the end of October.
  - Contact Person for State Transition Grant is – Scott Slater with MDE
  - Looking to reach out to MDE to connect around our CoP meetings

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

- A. SEAC Sue Pearson
- New format, new recommendations to State Board of Ed
  - SPP indicators shared with SEAC
  - Ben Williams, MDE Legislative Liaison meeting monthly with group.
  - Position statement on literacy bill and Top 10 school in process

- B. CASE Eric Hopstock
- Join CASE!
  - Weekly Updates come every Monday morning.
  - Annual Fall Conference - October 29-31, 2015 in Atlanta, GA
  - CASE Board will be looking at their 2-year priorities

- C. Michigan CEC Laurie Jefsen/Andy Claes
- Call for presenters for 76th annual conference in Grand Rapids - leadership strand tied to 4 focus areas. Submit application on [www.michigancec.org](http://www.michigancec.org) website.
  - Keynote speaker: Brad Cohen Author of "Head of the Class" Has Tourette's syndrome
  - CEC elections currently open (no campaigning allowed). Please vote if you are a member.

- D. DAS Advisory Council Abby Allen
- No Update

- E. DAS Assessing SWDs Committee Lance Siegwald

- No report

F. MAISA Early Childhood Committee

Michelle Brahaney

There is now an early childhood administrators network (ECAN) which has been recognized as a formal project of MAISA. ECAN members are nominated by the ISD superintendent. This group will work with the MAISA early childhood group to support best practice in early childhood as well as early childhood advocacy.

G. Early On Coalition

Michelle Brahaney

The Early On Coalition is currently working on advocacy regarding funding for Early On. There is discussion with Representative VerHeulen to fund a study to consider Medicaid dollars as one funding mechanism. We should know more within a couple of weeks. There is also a team from MI who will attend a consortium meeting in Washington DC this week regarding Early On Funding. MAASE members can get more information regarding Early On Funding and advocacy by visiting [www.EarlyOnFoundation.org](http://www.EarlyOnFoundation.org).

H. MASA & MAISA Legislative Committee

Jennifer Scott-Burton

- No Report

I. OTHER

Nominations open for ISD/RESA administrator Batten Award. Nominations due to Dave Manson by 4pm on October 30. Application available on the MAASE website.

**VIII. Informational Items**

A. Membership Recognition

Eric Hopstock

- i. New Positions
- ii. Graduate Students
- iii. Other Recognitions

B. Other

**IX. Adjourn - 12:03pm**

Donna Jones