

**Call to Order at 11:12 a.m.**

**I. Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

**Renee Thelen**

- A. 6/8/21 General Membership Meeting Minutes
- B. 10/13/21 General Membership Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the 6/8/21 Minutes

Motion: Matt Korolden  
Second: Amanda Unger  
Motion carried

Motion to approve the 10/13/21 Meeting Agenda

Motion: Trish Lopucki  
Second: Karlie Parker  
Motion carried

**II. Membership Spotlight**

**Renee Thelen**

- A. PL Committee for an exciting 2021-22 professional learning lineup
- B. New MAASE leaders & volunteers
- C. MAASE members for showing up and staying engaged through 18 months of virtual learning

**III. Virtual Reality**

- A. Phase 2 lessons are now available
- B. Great Lakes Reality Labs is expanding their capacity by hiring teachers part-time to assist
- C. PPA and MSU Role (student level research)
- D. Direct impact to kids and first grant work opportunity for MAASE

**III. Strategic Planning Update**

Co-Chairs:

- Advocacy – Erin Senkowski & Eric Hoppstock
- Association Partnerships – Matt Koekkoek & Ben Hicks
- Volunteer Management – Natalie Fuller & Nikki Moore
- Professional Learning – Anne-Marie Sladewski & Lauren Eardley
- Staffing Capacity – Derek Cooley & Kathy Barker

**IV. Board Updates**

**Renee Thelen**

- A. Executive Associate
  - Extend current part-time contract with Sue Leach through June 2022.
  - Post a full-time position dedicated to grant work through June 2022 and shared work between grant and current EA duties beginning July 2022.
- B. Executive Director: Extend ED to full-time including grant oversight and the pursuit additional revenue sources. The ED will obtain Certified Association Executive certificate through ASAE.

**III. Attract-Prepare-Retain Series to address critical shortages in special education**

- A. Attract: School Psychologist Apprenticeship Program and "Grow Your Own" opportunities. Training via Zoom on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00-3:00 pm. Registration is open on the website.
- B. Prepare: How one county empowered teachers with the skills to teach mindfulness to students and the unanticipated benefits for staff. Date TBD - January 2022
- C. Retain: How one district used educator voice to create a district wellness committee in order to retain current staff. Date TBD - March 2022

**III. Ongoing Professional Learning**

A current challenge is how to support staff in unique roles (i.e., school based BCBAs) with their professional learning needs. Introducing PLC for school based BCBA to provide opportunities for networking and professional growth. Persons interested should complete the survey to sign up: <https://forms.gle/EoQ2rTwaoFsh8ar06>

**III. Membership Beyond MAASE**

- A. Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- B. Michigan CEC
- C. Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE)

**III. Ben Hicks Running for CEC Board of Directors**

Ben Hicks, a former MAASE Board member and Past President of Michigan CEC, is a candidate for the national CEC Board of Directors. Voting runs from October 11 – 26.

**V. MCEC Updates**

**Lauren Ringle, MCEC Vice President**

- A. Professional Learning: October 27, 2021 – MDE Town Hall
- B. Annual Conference (hybrid) – March 2-4, 2022
- C. Recognition applications due 12/17/21 – <https://michigancec.org/>

**VI. Upcoming MAASE Deadlines**

**Renee Thelen**

- A. SLIP proposals – email to Tina Lawson by October 15.
- B. Mini Grants – applications due by October 29. Readers are also still needed – contact James Nuse or Marci Moloney.
- C. Batten Award – nominations due by November 2.

**VIII. Membership Recognition**

Retirements, new jobs, and other celebrations were shared.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.**