



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Via Zoom

Call to Order at 9:14 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Renee Thelen

- A. 12/8/20 General Membership Meeting Minutes
- B. 2/7/21 General Membership Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the 12/8/20 Minutes

Motion: Dave Manson
Second: Jim Lóser
Motion carried

Motion to approve the 2/9/21 Meeting Agenda

Motion: Greg Bodrie
Second: Dave Manson
Motion carried

II. Membership Spotlight

Renee Thelen

- A. Katie Flynn, Abby Cypher, and Saginaw ISD for their collaboration in creating a safe, in-person presentation of the Murray O. Batten Humanitarian Award to Dave Krantz in December
- B. Tina Lawson, Mary Bradley, Christie Owens and Martyanne Guinney for a successful SLIP Winter Conference.
- C. Kim Iverson and Lynette Hodges for their hard work in flipping our February Silent Auction to a virtual format. All proceeds will go to the Michigan Foundation for Exceptional Children scholarship fund.

III. Mini Grant Winners were chosen. The list can be found on the MAASE website under the LATEST NEWS section.

IV. Board Updates

- A. Virtual Reality Lessons. MAASE has been awarded a grant for the development of Virtual Reality lessons. This is a joint project with MCEC. Derek Cooley is the VR Grant Chair, Tina Lawson is taking the lead on lesson development, and MAASE hired Beth Steenwyk as Project Manager.
- B. The Board voted to outsource all financial bookkeeping to our current accounting firm. This allows us to implement the fiscal requirements that come with being awarded both federal and state dollars. The majority of the cost will be covered by the grant funding.
- C. The MAASE Leadership Team met to begin conversation about updating the Strategic Plan. Contact Nikki More if you're interested in participating in this work.
- D. 2021 Board Elections. Open positions include Vice President-Elect ISD/ESA Representative, Region 1b Representative, and Region 3 Representative. If you'd like to nominate a candidate, email Renee Thelen and Sue Leach.
- E. Opportunities to Get Involved. The meeting schedule and chairperson contact info is available on the website under the LATEST NEWS section.
- F. Michigan Council for Exceptional Children. The MCEC Annual Conference is March 3-5, 2021.

IV. Membership Recognition

Attendees were introduced.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.