

# Michigan Alternative Education Organization

## Board Meeting Minutes September 23, 2021

Thursday, September 23 · 5:00 – 7:00pm

### Meeting Agenda:

#### I. Welcome and Roll Call:

Present: Mallory, Rhonda, Merrilyn, Sarah, Jane, Joel, Tom. Rob, Deb

Absent: Tammy, Marty, Leigh Ann

II. President's Comments: Thought and hoped we would be "normal" this year  
Discussed mak mandates and Health Department orders to go remote

III. Approval of Board Minutes July 13-14, 2021: Moved by Sarah, Second by Joel,  
Motion carried.

#### IV. Board Reports:

A. Conference - a small blib with Tall Cop and contract, resolved. Rob and Sarah will get together to discuss details, timeline for presenters, possibility of use of Covid or 31A to fund (professional development) conference

B. Membership - sent email as message vs email, corrected now and removed those who were inactive

C. Treasurer - Payment Summer board retreat, PO Box, LARA, toner cartridge, refund of scholarship from Oakland Current Balance \$38, 043.62  
Moved by Deb, supported by Mallory Motion carried

D. MEA - Fast track for those who have been parapros has to be offered by district and college

E. STARS - November 5 Leadership conference and Kick Off Location TBD  
The Bridge and Calhoun HS, have offered to host  
Location will be determined by numbers and where participating groups are coming from

#### V. Board Matters/Task Updates

A. Website/Social Media/G Suite - Marty needs log in info, Sarah is doing G Suite

- B. Committee Work:
  - 1. Scholarship Committee - Update scholarship application
  - 2. Service Awards - Surprised School of the Year Allegan Alternative Principal, now closed, Tom volunteered to provide more detail to rubric
  - 3. Newsletter - Substitute Smore Sarah will work on it

#### VI. Relationships and Involvement with Other State Boards

- A. MACAE - Conference is Oct 27 - 29 Virtual. Continue to dialogue with Patrick regarding working together, Tom indicated would be positive to engage with Patrick, invite to next meeting in October (virtual) then follow up in December
- B. MDE - Rhonda reached out to Jeff and Steve, Jeff not able to attend, asked what are MAEO schools are interested in/how can they help MAEO  
Suggestions: Flexibility in curriculum, profile of a graduate, student-centered instruction-blended learning (components)  
Ideas from the group - accountability (attendance), teacher certifications, evaluations, limited supply of teachers and qualifications (there used to be more flexibility in teaching outside of endorsement - really a problem for small buildings and rural settings)
- C. MASSP and MEMSPA - Tom has had zero luck connecting with MASSP, some dialogue between MDE Alternative reps and MASSP, nothing from MEMSPA
- D. MAAA - Not sure
- E. NAEA - Conference in October 18 - 20 in St. Louis, MO

#### VII. Other Board Member Matters

Jane asked about any issues to talk about at MEA meeting, Deb suggested a group that focused on alternative educators

VI. Adjournment Deb moved, Rhonda seconded Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm

Next Meeting: October 28, 2021 5:00 PM, virtual