

MAEO
Michigan Alternative Education Organization
Board Meeting Minutes April 23, 2020
Zoom Meeting

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Present: Deb Baughman, Karen Van Epps, Rob Pawlowski, Rhonda Marcum, Sara Johnson, Denise Caldwell, Katie Myers, Gina Wilson, Colleen Deaven, Mallory Soffin
Absent: Past President David Groenenboom

II. President's Comments

President Baughman wanted to make sure that she gave a huge thanks to the team of Denise Caldwell and Rob Pawlowski who worked so hard to plan the 2020 MAEO conference and then worked so hard to cancel the 2020 MAEO conference. President Baughman also asked each board member to share one word that describes how they currently feel with the state of the Covid19 Pandemic. Words used were: exhausted, grumpy, tired, surprised, overwhelmed, proud, pretty well, speechless, anxious and overwhelmed.

III. Approval of Board Minutes March 26, 2020

Moved by Sara Johnson and seconded by Amanda Miller to approve the March 26, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried..

IV. Board Reports:

A. Conference

Denise and Rob reported that all checks have either been returned to the appropriate members or checks have been written to repay anyone who had had their checks cashed. The board retreat is currently scheduled for July 13th and 14th, 2020 in Bay City.

B. Membership

Nothing new to report

C. STARS

Cancellation of the Spring Competition has been posted and sent to advisors who have participated in the last two years

D Treasurer

Rob presented the April Treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$60,438.55. He has only written 3 checks since our last meeting to Mallory Soffin, Davison Schools and to himself for a printer cartridge. Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Karen Van Epps and Seconded by Denise Caldwell. Motion carried..

V. Board Matters/Task Updates

A. Website/Social Media

Short some of the bios from the board of directors, the website and social media announcements are up to date.

B. Committee Work:

1. By-laws: Updates since last meeting

The committee reviewed the proposed recommendations for changes to the bylaws. All proposed changes were emailed to all board members. Motion made to accept the proposed changes by the bylaws committee made by Sara Johnson and Seconded by Mallory Soffin. Motion carried.

All changes to be posted on the website for voting by the membership. All changes will be highlighted for easy viewing. The bylaws to be posted today 4/23/20 and voting to take place between 5/12/20 and 5/20/20 along with the ballot for the 2020 - 2021 Board of Directors.

2. Scholarship Committee

President Baughman and Denise Caldwell will put together a plan to scan and send the applications to the scholarship committee. The committee will then review the packets and set a date to select the recipients. It was agreed that by May 15 the advocates for the five scholarship recipients would be notified by the president via email. Districts could then announce/recognize their MAEO Scholarship recipients at their discretion. Recognition by MAEO would then appear on the website and Facebook as well as announced at the next MAEO STARS event.

3. Service Awards

President Baughman and Denise Caldwell will put together a plan to scan and send the nominations to the awards committee. The committee will then review the nominations and set a date to select the recipients. The staff who nominated the person, place or program for the award will be notified by the president. The recipient's district can then arrange for local notification/recognition with larger celebration at the next MAEO Annual Conference in April 2021..

C. 2020 - 2021 MAEO Board Election

1. Board members were asked to reach out to colleagues working at alternative schools to encourage them to add their name to the ballot as a write-in for one of the three at large open seats.
2. Voting will take place May 12th - May 18th using a Google Form for the ballot which will also include a vote on the revised By-Laws. Sarah and Deb will work on composing the ballot and send it to Denise to be emailed to all active members.

President Baughman reminded the board that when soliciting possible candidates it is important to remind potential candidates of the time commitments the board requires. Results of the election will be announced on the MAEO website and Facebook page..

3. The May (Year-End) Meeting will be virtual using Zoom and take place on May 19th at 2:30pm

D. Other Board Member Matters of Interest/Concern

Sarah made a motion to add to an agenda item to address the payment of the 2019-20 honorariums. This was seconded by Rhonda. Motion carried. The honorariums must be dispensed by the end of the fiscal year May 31, 2020.

Treasurer Rob Pawlowski made the motion to dispense the 2019-20 Honorariums to board members. This was seconded by Sara Johnson. Motion carried..

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.