

**MAEO**  
**Michigan Alternative Education Organization**  
Board Meeting March 4, 2020  
Virtual Meeting - Google Meet  
**Minutes**

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Present: Colleen Deaven, Denise Cadwell, Rhonda Marcum, Deb Baughman, Mallory Soffin, Katie Myers, Rob Pawlowski, Sarah Johnson

Absent: Gina Wilson, Amanda Miller, Dave Groenenboom , Thurston King, Karen Van Epps

II. President's Comments

There have been inquiries regarding joining the board. Rob will send the application to Amanda to post on the website. Katie will also post it on Facebook. In addition, there will be some description of the expectations for board members, especially attendance at monthly meetings.

III. Approval of January 23, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve 1/23/2020 minutes as presented, Rhonda Marcum, Second: Mallory Soffin. Motion approved.

IV. Board Reports:

A. Past President-David absent, no report

B. Conference and Membership

Denise has received about 100 registrations. There are 11 presenters confirmed as well as the keynote, we are looking for 5 more. Last year's service award recipients will be expected to be a part of their school's session if attending the conference. Room reservations should be made soon. Deb sent invitations to our NAEA region peers and asked our region director to send additional emails to members who may not have been listed on our region's roster in the fall. She also sent an announcement to the NAEA webmaster for posting on the conference and events tab on their site . Colleen and Rhonda agreed to host the administrator round table session. Several board members mentioned potential presenters and were asked to make certain they submitted a presenter form to Denise asap. Deb and Mallory agreed to present the MAEO STARS session they presented this fall at NAEA if we are short presenters and need one more.

C. STARS

March 11 is Legislative Day. Location, Christ Community Church in Lansing and keynote, Jewell Jones, is confirmed. There are 5 schools (42 students) registered so far, another one, or two groups are anticipated.

- D. MEA-No report.
- E. Treasurer's Report-There were no transactions since the last meeting. Colleen Deaven moved to accept report, Sarah Johnson seconded. Motion approved.

#### V. Board Matters/Task Updates

- A. Website/Social Media-Katie- will continue posting. She will post information about board member candidacy. No other suggestions were made at this time.
- B. Committee Work:  
**By-laws**-Rhonda emailed the board the final version of Article IV. She will re-type the by-laws and email them to the board before the next meeting for review. They will be voted on at the March 26, 2020 board meeting. Upon approval, they will be posted on the website for membership review. They will then be voted on for approval at the conference on the board ballot.  
**MAEO STARS** All edits of the manual have been completed and the final draft posted on the website.  
**Conference** No other committee assistance required at this time.

#### VII. Relationships and Involvement with other state boards

- A. MACAE (Board Rep)-Sarah-spoke with Charlie and will trade information about MAEO and MACAE news.
- B. MASSP-Gina-absent, no report.
- C. MDE-Colleen spoke with those assigned to alternative ed. and they will be presenting at the conference.
- D. MAAA-Deb-Lincoln (Owosso) won first place in volleyball and bowling at the state tournaments. Members of the MAAA Board had discussed presenting at our conference, no presenters form have been submitted yet.

#### VIII. New Business

- A. Service Award and Scholarship Committee: The board will break into committees after the board meeting on March 26, 2020.
- B. The March meeting date will remain the same. Rob and Mallory won't be able to attend but can vote by proxy on the by-laws.
- C. Other

#### IX. Adjournment

Next meeting March 26, 2020