

MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR EXECUTIVE CHILDREN
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2007
Lansing Sheraton Hotel, Lansing
2:00 – 4:00 pm

Present: Mark Francis, President; Cheryl Borowski, Vice President; Janis Gaubatz, Past-President; Lucian Parshall, Exec. Director; Laurie Jefsen, Secretary; Joe Gomez, Treasurer; Denise Smith, MDE Representative; Marliese Temme, SCEC Advisor; Laurie VanderPloeg, Member-at-Large (via phone); Wendy Minor, Member At-large; Joe DeMarsh, Newsletter Chair; Cindy Bush, SEAC Representative; Mary Bradley, SCEC Advisor

Absent: Tina Atkins, President-Elect; Greg Lamore, CAN Representative; Wendy Haight, Membership Chair; Marquita Andion, Member-at-Large; Joni Vernia, Member-at-Large; Lindsey Kwaiser, SCEC President

- I. Introductions
- II. Minutes from November 14, 2007 Exec. Board meeting were accepted as written.
- III. Discussion Items
 - a. Slate of officers- (Gaubatz) Positions open this year include: Member-at- large (2 positions), Treasurer, CAN Coordinator, and Vice President
 - b. SEAC- (Bush) As an advisory group, SEAC receives information on a variety of topics related to special education. Cindy will continue to forward information to us and to represent our positions at SEAC. We are also encouraged to provide input to SEAC and MDE as individuals and as representatives of our districts. It was suggested that MCEC provide comment on the proposed complaint procedures this month. A letter will be drafted for review by the Board by Jefsen and VanderPloeg.
 - c. Membership- It is suggested that a committee meeting be convened with members including the Membership Chair and co-chair, SCEC Advisor and Members-at-large. A meeting will be scheduled for January 16th.
- IV. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. President- Mark will be presenting with several other states at National CEC on conference planning.
 - b. Newsletter- Deadline 12/21- Topics that need to be covered:
 - Conference topics (Atkins)
 - CASE- NCLB issues (VanderPloeg)
 - SCEC happenings (Temme, Bradley)
 - Hot topics in Michigan- Highly Qualified information (Lamore)
 - c. Executive Director- One of the CDs has been updated with current names from our Board. The Foundation CD is still in process. Interest earnings will be reviewed by Gomez and Parshall.

Dept. of Transportation is asking for a representative from MCEC to work on a curriculum for student safety.

- d. Treasurer-The Treasurer's report was presented by J. Gomez.
- e. SCEC- 60 students are registered to attend SNOW. Members are asked to assist with mock interviews and resume building at the SCEC Snow event on January 26, 2008. This meeting will be held at MSU. Speaker will be at 11:00 and discussion with MCEC members will be at 1:00. Email your interest to Jessica Hester at: heste1j1@cmich.edu
SCEC is looking for a Vice President at this time.
- f. CASE- VanderPloeg presented our nomination to national CASE for the Exemplary Award.
- g. MCEC Foundation – Board is currently working on the CD transfer.
- h. Conference Committee- Reps. Stupak and Kildee will let us know in January on their schedules.
Presenter applications are still being accepted from districts and MDE. 45 have been received to date.
Pre- conference facilitators are needed for two of the workshops.
UP conference is "No Teacher Left Behind". Thaxton and Lamore will be presenting for MCEC on the political action resources for MAASE and MCEC.
- i. Honors and Awards- Over 200 posters have been submitted for our Poster contest.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

The next meeting: February 12, 2008, Lansing Sheraton, 2:00pm. Membership committee will meet following the Board meeting.

Submitted by:
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MCEC Secretary