

MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2007

Sheraton Hotel  
Lansing, Michigan

Present: Mark Francis, President; Tina Atkins, President-Elect; Janis Gaubatz, Past-President; Cheryl Borowski, Vice President; Lucian Parshall, Exec. Director; Laurie Jefsen, Secretary; Joe Gomez, Treasurer; Denise Smith, MDE Representative; Mary Bradley, SCEC Advisor; Greg Lamore, CAN Representative; Wendy Minor, Member At-large; Laurie VanderPloeg, Member-at-Large; Marquita Andion, Member-at-Large; Joni Vernia, Member-at-Large; Wendy Haight, Membership Chair; Joe DeMarsh, Newsletter Coordinator.

Absent: Lindsey Kwaiser, SCEC President

Guests: T.L. Lowe ,

- I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.
- II. Introductions- T.L Lowe and Joe DeMarsh were introduced. Joe will be our new newsletter editor. T.L. is the President of MALDE
- III. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2007 Exec. Board meeting- It was M/S/P to accept the minutes as written.
- IV. Approval of agenda- It was M/S/P to approve the agenda.
- V. MALDE will be working with us on a strand at the MCEC conference devoted to Strategic Intervention Model (SIM) interventions. Four half day sessions will be offered and specifically advertised within our conference materials.
- VI. Newsletter- Format and delivery was discussed. Consensus of the Board is that the newsletter should be a pdf document posted on the website. Members at large will assist it seeking out articles. Joe DeMarsh will combine and edit the information.

The intent of the newsletter, to inform membership or to market and increase membership was discussed. The consensus is that it is a marketing tool to inform people about the activities of MCEC, including conference information, election of officers, awards given, Foundation updates and announcements, etc.

- VII. Position statements:  
Procedures for Policy Positions were distributed for a first reading. Greg L. reviewed procedures and gave an example of a written format. Procedure will be considered for approval at our next meeting.
- VIII. Discussion Items:

- a. Status of UP conference- Format was reviewed by Tina A. MCEC has been asked to provide a session. Greg L. will represent MCEC and will explain how to use the national action website and review the MCEC website. Tony Thaxton will also attend to explain the MAASE website. An MCEC/CASE booth will be available also.
- b. Status of plan for members at large – It was recommended that Wendy H. organize an action plan regarding the role of the members at large and membership recruitment. This plan will also be assisted by Janis G.

IX. Standing reports:

- a. President – A meeting with Dr. Thompson was held to discuss her role at the conference and funding possibilities.
- b. CAN – Greg L. reviewed the materials from the CAN conference in Washington, DC.
- c. Executive Director –
  - A thank you card will be sent to Anna Silverstein regarding her many years of service and efforts for our organization.
  - 21,000 flyers for the conference were mailed out this week.
  - We will be receiving \$14,000 for the student stipends and conference from MDE.
  - The MAASE Board was approached regarding holding a joint meeting at our conference. The PD committee will review possibilities. Mark King will participate in future discussions.
  - MDE will do a strand for the conference and all grants will present.
- d. Treasurer – no changes to the budget.
- e. SEAC – Cindy’s report includes an agenda for this month, covering information items from MDE. ESY will be addressed along with determinations process and complaint process. Contact Cindy at: mbush@tbaisd.k12.mi.us
- f. SCEC – President Kwaiser is not able to get release time to attend our meetings. The Board will be represented by their advisors each month at our meetings. The SCEC Board is still seeking a Vice President.
- g. MCEC Foundation – Janis
  - The Foundation Board has reorganized, including the resignation of John Shinski. Jan Chaney was elected Treasurer. There will continue to be discussion about the Board membership and participation. The Board can have up to 10 members.
  - Board requirements are to attend board meetings and to read scholarship applications.
  - Application format will be revised. Deadline for applications will be April 1, 2008.
- h. Conference committee – Congressman Kildee will be speaking unless there is a vote that day and will do a state of the nation speech followed by Dr. Thompson’s state of the state address.
- i. CASE update – Efforts are currently underway on recruitment for CASE members.
- j. Wayne County directors will meet the third Wednesday in November. MCEC will meet with the directors to review the feasibility of a one day conference and to discuss future conferences that could be held on the east side of the state.

Input on the survey is sought by Joe Gomez: [gomezj@michigan.gov](mailto:gomezj@michigan.gov)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

Next meeting: November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Secondary Complex

<u>To Do:</u>	<u>Person responsible:</u>
1) Develop newsletter timelines	Joe D. and Lucian P.
2) Review procedures for policy positions Provide feedback to Greg before next meeting	All members
3) Bring a proposal to the next meeting on the role of the member at large.	Laurie J. and Cheryl B.
4) Email feedback on survey to Joe Gomez	All members