

Michigan CEC Executive Board Meeting- Minutes
April 12, 2006

Present: Laurie VanderPloeg, President, Mark Francis, Vice-President; Laurie Jepsen, Secretary; Jim Paris, Treasurer; Lucian Parshall, Executive Director; Denise Smith, MDE Liaison; Frances Paris, CAN Coordinator; Mary Semes, SCEC President; Teresita Long, Unit Representative; Mark McWilliams, At-large member

Members Absent: Jan Cheney, Fund Raising Chair; Mary Stapleton, SCEC Advisor; Donna Herrle, SEAC Representative; Wendy Haight, Membership Chair; Suzanne Shellady, Past-President; Jan Gaubatz, President- Elect; Judy Pazol, At-large member; Tina Atkins, At-large member; Marquita Andion, Honors and Awards Committee

The meeting was called to order by Laurie VanderPloeg at 5:10pm

I. Approval of meeting minutes from February 15, 2006- It was M/S/P to approve the minutes for the Executive Board meeting as amended.

II. Announcements:

- A letter of resignation has been received from Eleanor White, Member-at-Large.
- Teresita Long has indicated that she will be stepping down as CEC Representative in July.
- Jim Paris has indicated an interest in stepping down from his position. A replacement is currently being sought by President VanderPloeg.
- Mary Semes was congratulated for receiving the CEC Graduation Award-Undergraduate, received at the International CEC Conference.

III. Discussion Items:

- **Board Appointments-**
 - It was M/S/P to appoint Mary Semes to the Member at Large position, created by the resignation of Eleanor White. Her term will begin July 1 and will continue for 2 years.
- **CEC Representative-** It was suggested that we consider making the CAN Coordinator also our CEC Representative. This would require a constitutional change.
- **CEC Representative Assembly, April 7-8-** A new Executive Director will be appointed. Bruce Ramirez is filling in as interim. CEC is in a “rebuilding mode.”

Strategic plan areas for the coming year are- Recruiting and Retaining Members, Advocacy, Advancement and Profession, and Financial & Organizational Health.

National board positions are open and nominations are being accepted.

Next year’s CEC convention will be held April 18-21, 2007, in Louisville.

A special resolution concerning CEC's support for Human Rights for All Students was discussed, prompted by Utah's ban of Gay/Straight Alliances. This will be reviewed by BOD during the current year.

- **Summer Planning-** Retreat is planned for July 23-24 at McMillan Center. Further details will be provided by Jan Gaubatz.
- **Membership Drive-** Will resume now that the conference is completed. The plan is ready to implement.
- **Position Statements-** MAASE action regarding the Seclusion and Restraint policy was discussed. The Board members discussed the need to establish the procedures and standard for action that the Board would use when taking positions.
- **Elementary Certification-** It was agreed that there is a need to keep track of this developing issue. J. Paris will contact Joanne Winkleman to gain further information.
- **CEC Foundation-** Consider bringing the work of the foundation back into MCEC.
- **OEAA Representative-** L. VanderPloeg will follow-up for a report.

IV. Committee Reports

- **Executive Director-** Conference statistics, expenses and revenues were reviewed with comparison to the 2005 conference. Attendees were 886, up from 771 last year. 262 people attended the pre-conference day, up from 148 last year.

Conference breakdown was distributed. This is the detail that could be used in making future arrangements. CEUs and catching up on fees will be completed in the next few weeks.

Mike Flanagan sent a letter supporting our partnership. He would like to speak at our annual meeting, if we would like to arrange a time with him.

Newsletter is next on Lucian's agenda, so members are asked to think about articles.

- **President Report-** L. VanderPloeg has been nominated for the MAASE CASE Representative position.
- **Treasurer-** The current budget and expenditures were presented. The Board was supported for sticking closely to the budget.
- **SCEC-** 12 students went to CEC. Keep selling bracelets. Marlese Temme has been appointed as the SCEC CAN representative.
- **SEAC-** Donna Herrle faxed quick notes. It is requested that they be e-mailed to members rather than faxed.
- **CAN-** There has been good response to the CAN alerts. 20 people signed up at the conference to receive them.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 11, at 5:00

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm