

MOSPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Crown Plaza West – Lansing
September 27, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Ganssley, Kimberly Higgins, Shawn Kadwell, Tammy Kelley, Holly McKee, Rosalyn Pollard, Nicole Reinhart-Huberty, James Simmons, Anwar Thomas and Terri West

CALL TO ORDER/PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- The meeting was called to order by President Simmons at 10:17 a.m. President Simmons welcomed new members at the table: Member Higgins, Member Kadwell and Member Reinhart- Huberty
- Celebrations & Recognitions: Everyone has been busy at work!

CALL FOR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- There were no additional items for the agenda

MINUTES/SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from the June 5, 2019 meeting were reviewed.
Motion by Member McKee to accept the June 5, 2019 minutes, 2nd by Member Pollard
Motion Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Thomas handed out June, July and August statements. Current balance as of 9-27-19 is \$40,552.76. Report records the activity of June, July and August, which includes payment of the Boyne Mountain bill (\$30,382.66) and receipt of the 2019 Conference revenue (\$48,122.18)
- Member McKee asked if the revenue included the contribution from the state. Treasurer Thomas said it did, but can provide the breakdown at the next board meeting
- Discussion of removing Past-President McKee from the account and adding current President Simmons. They will make arrangements at the conclusion of the meeting
- Treasurer Thomas also commented that taxes have been taken care and there is note that taxes will now be done each October
- Clarification of next meeting is November 8th, not October 25th
Motion by Secretary Ganssley to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Member Kelley

MEMBER REPORTS

Advocacy

Discussion of the new Perkins V and the new mandates the State was given by the Federal Government. Deadlines they need to meet. The State had meetings that included secondary and post-secondary along with businesses, educators and state agencies – they met 4-5 times. There were changes in the definition of special populations, regions need to do local needs assessment and submit for state planning. It was noted that Perkins V looks different between secondary and post-secondary

Best Practices

Past-President McKee stated that MI Ahead, (Michigan Association on Higher Education and Disability) is a great group to work with. It is a state organization for professions working with students with disabilities in higher education. She stated it may be beneficial to secondary as well

WEBSITE REPORT

- Member West reported all was good on her end with the website. She did request awards nomination form so she can post on the website

AWARDS REPORT

- The awards committee is hoping to have the form ready by the next meeting- need to make sure we have a MOSPA email
- Member Higgins will be joining the awards committee

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- It was noted the 2020 State Conference will be held at Boyne Mountain, May 6-8.
- Member Gannon – Boyne Mountain contact
- Past-President McKee – program brochure
- Member Cortese – Registration – Ferris State University contact
- At-Large Rep Pollard – awards
- Treasurer Thomas – Schech’s
- Treasurer Thomas and At-Large Rep Pollard – registration table
- Past-President McKee informed the board that Member Jackson, who has been our Conference Chair, has been promoted to an Interim Dean position with Mott will need to stepdown from MOSPA at this time. With that said, she had reached out to a couple other members. A few had to decline, however State Liaison Price is willing to assist. It was asked if Members Kelley, Kadwell and Boss would be willing to take on the responsibility. This would include the call for presenters, keynote, setting up the sessions, room reservations and breakout session rooms
- The members will discuss the idea with Member Boss when they return and will let the Board know
- Discussion of inviting vendors to the conference i.e. Building Trades, MRS, Dept of Economic and Labor etc..., however with changes in responsibilities the Board decided to hold on doing so for this next year conference
- Question was asked if “Save the Date” was on the website – Member West confirmed that it was

MDE and TIA UPDATES

Secondary

- State Liaison Felder and State Liaison Price were unable to attend the meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- MOSPA Email – Past-President McKee believes that a gmail has been set up for MOSPA, she will contact Member Jackson to confirm
- Breaking Traditions Scholarships – Agreement was received by MOSPA from State Liaison Felder. President Simmons signed the agreement on behalf of MOSPA. Two scholarships of \$250 each will be presented at the Breaking Traditions Conference - one secondary and one post-secondary
- CPA Retainer – Treasurer Thomas reported she had not contacted anyone – wanted some clarification from the Board. Board feels we should have one on retainer and someone local in the Lansing area, so as members and council change they can be reached as Board meetings are in Lansing. Member Reinhart-Huberty will ask LCC if they have any suggestions of CPA’s in Lansing area
- Hosting MOSPA listserv – item was tabled

- Conference Chair(s)

NEW BUSINESS

- Reminder to send articles/pictures to State Liaison Felder for the Special Populations bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Member West state there is a lot of transition at Lapeer Ed & Tech Center
- Discussion of mandated a FAFSA completion for graduation – parent concern
- Reported that there are 12 schools in Detroit who qualify for free community college education, however they still need to do the FAFSA
- It was noted that even students at age of 24 have to have parent signature

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Member Ganssley, Board Secretary