

# ***North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals***

## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 11:00 AM**

**Radisson Hotel, Bismarck**

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### **NDAESP Mission Statement**

The mission of the NDAESP is to assist, support, and serve elementary and middle school principals in order to provide quality education for all children.

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**Members Present:** Audrey Faul; Cooperstown, Stacy Murschel, Beulah; Joy Walker, Minot; Jeremy Mehlhoff, Williston; Vikki Coombs, Jamestown; Mitch Jorgensen, Langdon; Shari Bilden, Northwood; Dana Carlson, Fargo; Denise Soehren, Medora; Chris Bastian, Casselton; David Wegner, Beach; Tricia Erickson, Fargo; Kathryn Lenertz, Minot; Jason Hornbacher, Bismarck; Anna Sell, Oakes; Lynn Wolf, Bismarck; Deb Follman, Devils Lake; Jean Schafer, Bismarck

1. Call to Order- Audrey Faul
  - A. President Faul called the meeting to order.
2. Introductions- Audrey Faul
  - A. President Faul welcomed those present and introductions were made.
3. Approval of Agenda- Audrey Faul
  - A. President Faul wanted to add three items under new business The motion to approve the agenda with additions was made by Lynn Wolff. Dana Carlson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
4. Secretary/Treasurers Report- Anna Sell
  - A. Anna Sell presented the meeting minutes from the October 15, 2014, Executive Board Meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Tricia Erickson. Joy Walker seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
  - B. Anna Sell presented the Treasurer Report. Total assets as of January 30th, 2015 are \$60,190.71. The motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Dave Wegner. Chris Bastian seconded the motion. Jason Hornbacher made the comment that we should have a significant carryover from the 2015 Midwinter conference and felt that the board maybe should address how we will use this money. Motion passed.

## 5. Reports and Discussion

### A. NAESP- Dave Steckler

- i. Dave was absent because he was attending the Minnesota conference, so Audrey presented in his stead.
- ii. We currently have 174 members from ND that belong to NAESP
- iii. The Zone 7 dinner at National Leadership Conference will be on the Monday.
- iv. Nebraska is hosting along with Dave the Zone 7 reception at Nationals on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Accent and possibly Horace Mann will help sponsor.
- v. Zone 7 election information will be sent out by mail and more details were given.
- vi. The board was asked to give feedback on the booths at Nationals and whether to continue on hosting a booth. Discussion took place. Audrey will report back to Dave.
- vii. NAESP is looking to sell their property in Alexandria and rent instead from NASSP. Dave had expressed concern that NAESP and NASSP would merge. Discussion took place about this concern.
- viii. The Zone 7 Conference is on hold for now.
- ix. 2015 NAESP conference details were shared.
- x. 2016 NAESP conference will be in Washington, DC.

### B. State Editor- Dave Hanson

- i. Dave Hanson was not in attendance, so Lynn presented his report.
- ii. Two more dates remain for the voice, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- iii. Please get "Service to Children" award recipients to Dave, ASAP.
- iv. Voting for NDAESP will begin on 2/6/15. A link will be sent by email for the voting site. Members were urged to contact Dave Hanson if they do not receive the link. Jason Hornbacher will post the results on the list-serve and Dave Hanson will post them on the NDAESP website.

### C. NDCEL- Erickson/Bastian/Wegner

- i. No decisions have been made regarding the building...they are just waiting for something to come along that would be appropriate and in our price range.
- ii. Speakers for upcoming events are already being arranged and scheduled. Summer 2015 conference will be in Bismarck at Horizon Middle School, June 17-19.
- iii. The board is looking at a membership software update.
- iv. The yearly audit came out without any problems.
- v. NDCEL is helping out with the Spelling Bee again this year.
- vi. NDCEL will be helping out with Teacher/Principal eval PD

across the state. Top two across the state are Marshall and Marzano.

vii. The NDCEL board would like feedback from the NDAESP membership concerning topics for principal mentorship.

viii. Dave Wegner and Tricia Erickson's positions will need to be appointed before the summer conference. Contact Audrey if anyone knows of anyone that would like to serve on the board.

#### D. Federal Relations-Lynn Wolf

i. Things are moving quickly in Washington regarding reauthorization of ESEA. Lynn feels this will happen this year and possibly as early as February. Lynn has been meeting with a group concerning this legislation.

ii. Jason suggested that perhaps we use some of our money to send members to the Leadership Conference so they become more involved in Federal relations.

#### E. Region Reports-Jeremy Mehlhoff, Kathryn Lenertz, Mitch Jorgenson, Shari Bilden, Vikki Coombs, Jean Schafer, Denise Soehren, Dana Carlson

i. Region 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 reps gave reports of their activities since October.

ii. Attendance at meetings and engagement of members seems to be one of the hurdles that reps are facing in our regions.

iii. Jason gave a big thanks to Jean Schafer and Susie Atkinson for their leadership with the Midwinter Conference. He also commented on how many of the Bismarck/Mandan principals have stepped up to help with the conference.

iv. Discussion took place on how we can address the problems shared by the reps.

#### 6. Old Business

##### A. ND Mid-Winter Conference- Wolf/Hornbacher/Schafer

i. Update Given by Jason and Lynn on this year's conference.

a. 170 members are attending

b. Discussion took place on what to expect

i. 2016 Mid-Winter Conference Update-Anna Sell

a. "Waves of Opportunity" Anna Sell (Oakes) and Denise Musland (LaMoure) are the co-chairs for this event.

ii. Awards Update/Revisions & Discussion-Deb Follman

a. Deb gave a "sneek peek" for the awards ceremony and updates on this year's awards.

b. Deb proposed doing some cleanup and changes on the current awards and the process. She suggested providing a form for nominations. Tricia, Deb, and Jason will serve on a committee to create these forms and redo items.

##### B. Changes to the Bylaws-Tricia Erickson

i. A motion was made by Dana Carlson to accept the changes of the bylaws in section 1-9 as presented. Dave Wegner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ii. A motion was made by Denise Soehren to accept the first reading of the changes of the bylaws in section 7 concerning the Service to Children award. Chris Bastien seconded the motion. Motion passed.

C. Core Principles

i. Denise Soehren made a motion to approve the changes to the Core principles. Dana Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

7. New Business

A. Dates for Future Mid-Winter conferences (Handout)-Faul/Wolf

i. Audrey provided a hard copy of the dates and they are also available online. Discussion took place on dates and days of the week. Audrey will do some further investigation.

ii. Lynn Wolff made the motion to accept the proposed Wednesday through Friday conference dates. Dana Carlson seconded. Motion Pass

B. Leadership Conference Attendance-Audrey Faul

i. February 22-25, Washington, DC

ii. Lynn Wolff, Audrey Faul, Dave Hanson and Dave Steckler will be attending. Discussion took place on future attendance by other members including the vice-president and region reps.

iii. Tricia Erickson moved that we send Joy in Stacy's place to Washington, DC for the Leadership Conference. Stacy Murschel seconded. Discussion took place. Motion carried.

C. Financial Support for Dave Steckler-Audrey Faul

i. Discussion took place.

ii. Dave Wegner made a motion that NDAESP give up to \$2000 to Dave Steckler in support of his election campaign. If the amount exceeds the \$2000, he can approach the board for further financial support. Denise Soehren seconded the motion. Motion passed.

D. Region Rep to the National Conference—Audrey Faul

i. Jeremy Mehlhoff has met the requirements to attend the National Conference this summer and will be attending.

E. State Rep replacement—Audrey Faul

i. If Dave Steckler is elected as the Zone 7 Director, we will need to replace him. Audrey will appoint his replacement for the remainder of Dave's term and will then need to run for election at the end of the year.

F. Future Events

i. NAESP National Leaders' Conference

ii. Executive Meeting-April

ii. NAESP National Convention-June 30-July 2, Long Beach, CA

8. Adjourn Meeting- Audrey Faul Motion made by Lynn Wolff. Seconded by Denise Soehren.