

APA Executive Board Meeting August 9, 2011

Call To Order

2:16 pm

Members Present

- Nick Bourland
- Jean Chisnell
- Deborah Sudduth Garland
- Ramiro Gonzales
- Maurice Koffman
- Sean Leahy
- Aaron Ledger
- Vivian Leung
- Cynthia Schneider
- Leo Sell
- Jen Shangraw
- Vikki Tormala
- Rachel Zakhem

Guests

Members Absent

Excused

- Debra Porter

Welcome

- Melissa Sortman is named MEA Full Time Uniserv Director for MSU APA.
- Kevin Karpinski is named MEA Part Time Uniserv Director for MSU APA replacing Mary Hanson.
- Heather Traxler is named MEA Secretary for MSU APA replacing Monica Grahmn

Approval of Agenda

- Motion: To approve the agenda.
- Moved by Ramiro, seconded by Nick
- The agenda was approved

Approval of Minutes

- Motion: To approve the minutes.
- Moved by Cynthia, seconded by Vivian
- The minutes were approved

President's Report

- Rachel Zakhem resigns as secretary of APA due to personal reasons. She will remain as a member of the Executive board. Aaron Ledger has volunteered to take over the position for the remainder of her term.

- President Koffman stated "unless there is objection, nominations for the position of Secretary with the intention of holding the election today will be conducted." No objection made.

- Aaron Ledger nominated for APA Sec. No other nominations submitted. Motion to suspend the rules and elect by acclamation, moved by Nick, seconded by Leo. Motion passed.

Discussion: Leo pointed out that the members of the APA prefer short, bullet points only not long winded minutes.

- A written president's report was provided
- Members concerned about education release
- Unemployment is available for employees who are laid off.
- Sept board meeting set for Sept 13th. October board meeting set for Oct 11th
- Higher Ed conference will be held at MEA HQ Oct 7th and 8th

Treasure's Report

- A written report was provided this month.
- Budget is in line
- Training and member engagement doesn't reflect grant money

Committee Reports

- Negotiations Committee

- Chair – Maury Koffman

- Bargaining team meeting all afternoon tomorrow to review all topics and language. Concern and disappointment voiced to Jim Nash about lack of dates provided APA for bargaining. Dates will be provided later that week or after September 6th. MSU bargaining team will be revealed during the meet and greet

- Communications Committee

- Chair – Jen Shangraw

- An APA closed Facebook group will be created by Aaron. APA members will have to be added to the group by members of the group. Aaron, Jen, Shawna, Maury and Melissa were named admins of the group

- MSU APA has a twitter account. The account is #MSUAPA

- Community Based Activities Committee

- Chair – Deb Porter

- Nick reported for Deb who was absent. MSU APA has partnered with Capital Area Literacy Coalition.

- Membership Committee
 - Chair – Nick Bourland
 - Membership met last Thursday. Action items for September meeting to present to the board:
 - Membership Composition
 - Representative Areas
 - Area Representative Program

Uniserv Report

- Staff - Melissa Sortman
- Melissa gave a written report
- Update on grievances.
- JHCC: MSU health care plan. HR benefits needed a better way to manage our plan. *Accolades* discussed to possibly manage our health care
- Working on a new logo for MSU APA.

Member Questions, Comments, and Concerns

- Deborah Sudduth Garland brought up the question whether an executive board member can vote if they are not present at a board meeting. Constitution is silent on the issue. Deborah asks a paper vote could be allowed. The answer was no because candidate nominations are not closed until the meeting so there would be no candidate pool to conduct a paper vote in advance. Deborah suggested maybe texting and other technology could be used.
- Deborah recently underwent training for 3-1-G representation. She suggested MSU APA Area Representative & Executive Board members be trained.

Announcements

- MEA 2011 Higher Education Conference - October 7th&8th 2011, in East Lansing

Executive Session

- Motion: To move into executive session.
- Moved by Deborah, seconded by Cynthia
- Passed
- Moved into executive session at 3:09
- The board rise and report from executive session at 3:16
- Bargaining update provided

Adjournment

- Motion: To adjourn.
 - Moved by Vivian, seconded by Ramiro
 - Passed, meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm
- Minutes recorded by and submitted by Aaron Ledger, APA Secretary