

# Maine Association of School Psychologists

## Annual Membership Meeting Minutes 12/6/2019

- **Call to Order**
- **Consent Agenda (Action Needed):**
  - Meeting minutes from Annual Meeting - rescheduled from 11/18 to 4/19 due to weather
    - Agenda from 11\_18 Annual Meeting.pdf
  - Professional Standards Update:

As per our annual goals reported in the 2019-2020 Action Plan, the Professional Standards Committee has representation/liaison with DOE (Department of Education), MADSEC (Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities , USM, and ACSP ( Advisory Committee for School Psychologists). We are collecting samples of potential evaluation tools for School Psychologists to use to meet PEPG goals in districts. This tool will be ready for roll-out by the end of this school year. We continue to encourage members to submit copies of professional contracts and/or evaluation tools. Please visit the Professional Standards tab on the MASP website for electronic submission information. Additionally, some members are working with the Executive Board on past, present, and future governance structures.
  - MADSEC Update:

We continue to liaise with MADSEC through participating in monthly Rep Board meetings. This allows for some level of access to legislative updates provided to directors, reports from the DOE, and an opportunity to collaborate/consult with directors across the state. Two members presented a workshop at the annual Fall Conference.
  - GPR Update:

We have been working to maintain communication with the DOE by connecting with the new staff appointed by the new administration. We are also continuing to collaborate with MADSEC on regulatory and legislative initiatives and have initiated collaboration with MePA on children's mental health issues. Member concerns regarding the 093 certification process and a new NASP initiative on certification are being addressed through an Ad Hoc Committee that will start work in January. We have been following the progress of legislation for transitioning preschool services to the public schools. We continue to explore hiring a lobbyist to help monitor legislation, though adequate funding is not available at this time. We supported USM student outreach to practitioners for School Psychology Awareness Week. Our first Hall of Flags Advocacy Day at the State House is planned for January. The School Psychologist of the Year selection process will get underway after the start of the new year.
  - Professional Development Update:

October conference, *Creating Trauma Informed Schools and Classrooms* presented by Eric Rossen, was well attended (105 attendees). The December conference, *What School Psychologists Need to Know About Students with Internalizing Disorders* presented by Melissa Pearrow, had 60 registrants. Save the date for the Spring conference on May 15, 2020. Dr. Scott Poland will present *Assessing Threats of Violence and Suicide in Schools*. The PD Committee is continuing to explore a mini-series on Early Childhood Assessment and Interventions for next year.
  - NASP Update:

NASP is getting ready for their annual conference in Baltimore at which time we will hopefully be adopting the revised standards (every ten years). The revisions have language in them which Maine will hopefully adopt, specifically who can use the title of school psychologist. Also, NASP continues to work hard working on issues such as poverty in children and what it means in education, LGBTQ and other social justice issues, trauma and learning disabilities.

- USM Update:  
 Currently, we have our largest group of students enrolled in the last 4 years. We have several students at every level of the programs. (This bodes well to help reduce shortages). Our application deadline was Dec. 1st for admission to both the masters and doctoral programs. We will be considering applications soon for new students and interviews with selected students will likely take place at the end of January and beginning of February. Most of the joint faculty efforts this year have been devoted to making sure the programs maintain state approval. The school psychology programs along with most other programs in the school education must make it through CAEP accreditation to obtain state approval. (This process is very complex and has required significant time). Lastly, the faculty have really appreciated MASP's outreach to students in terms of opportunities to participate in committees and conferences. [The current faculty are Mark Steege, Jamie Pratt, Garry Wickerd and many other highly qualified part-time faculty.]
- Members Services Update:  
 We - as a relatively new and small committee - are exploring ways to serve our membership more effectively. Our change to "Member Services" reflects that, while we know that the website now does a lot of the work in terms of managing membership, dues, etc., but there is still a lot that can be done to help engage and serve all of you. We are looking forward to reviewing the results of the Membership Survey that is currently out, and our move to monthly website updates (a change from our quarterly newsletter format) has been well-received thus far. We are actively working on making our website more of a hub for members, in terms of having it be a user-friendly place that you can go for quick answers/information, and as a means for us to provide you with timely updates and reminders. Please reach out to Danielle Williams or Kim Shur if you are interested in being a part of this work.

- Financial Update:

MASP Treasurer's Report

11/30/19

|                  | Current<br>11/30/19 | 11/30/18         | 11/30/17         | 11/30/16         |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Checking Account | 39,653.13           | 30,905.63        | 26,773.57        | 23,897.02        |
| CD               | 10,110.31           | 10,102.54        | 10,097.49        | 10,092.45        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>46,763.44</b>    | <b>41,008.17</b> | <b>36,871.06</b> | <b>33,989.47</b> |

**REVENUE SINCE 11/30/18**

|  |                    |
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| Membership Dues                          | \$6,095.00         |
| Conferences                              |                    |
| ● November 2018 Cancelled due to weather | \$0.00             |
| ● April 2019                             | \$11,960.00        |
| ● October 2019                           | \$14,373.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>\$32,428.00</b> |

**ANNUAL EXPENSES**

|  |             |
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| Go To Meeting (\$49.00 monthly through July) | \$441.00    |
| Go To Meeting Annual Contract                | \$463.26    |
| Wild Apricot -Website                        | \$972.00    |
| NASP Approved Provider Application           | \$100.00    |
| NASP Children's Auction Donation             | \$200.00    |
| Membership Appreciation Items                | \$132.81    |
| Meeting Spaces                               | \$20.00     |
| PO Box Rental                                | \$90.00     |
| MADSEC Dues                                  | \$95.00     |
| Maine Hosting-Yearly                         | \$119.70    |
| Domain Name (good for 5 years)               | 63.80       |
| Conferences                                  |             |
| • November 2018 Cancelled due to weather     | \$0.00      |
| • April 2019                                 | \$15,411.96 |
| • October 2019                               | \$9,681.00  |
| TOTAL  | \$27,790.53 |

- Non-agenda items: None raised
- By Laws: <https://www.masponline.net/resources/Documents/MASP-By-Laws-2019%20.pdf>

Vote: paper ballot. Ballots collected

Paper Ballot results: Yes - 36; No - 5

Online vote (from noon Friday 12/6 to noon 12/7/2019): Yes - 11; No - 6

- Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Seconded; Unanimous to adjourn