



**Association for Learning Environments  
Midwest Great Lakes Region**

**January Leadership Meeting Minutes**

Date: 20 January, 2017  
Location: Via Conference Call  
Time: 9:00AM – 10:00AM CT

- 1) **Call to Order:** President French called the Meeting to order.
  - a) Roll Call of Board of Directors:
    - i) President: Jim French – Present
    - ii) Vice President: James Woods – Absent
    - iii) President-Elect: Ed McMilin – Present
    - iv) Past President: Melanie Drerup - Present
    - v) SchoolsNext Coordinator: – Steve Turckes – Absent
    - vi) Secretary: Rick Dewar - Present
    - vii) Treasurer: George Kacan – Absent
    - viii) Membership Development Chair; Bob Roop: Absent
    - ix) Awards Chair/International Board Representative: Troy Glover - Present
    - x) Area 1 Governor (Ontario): Vacant
    - xi) Area 2 Governor (Ohio): Holly Mclean- Present
    - xii) Area 3 Governor (Michigan/Indiana): Greg Monberg - Absent
    - xiii) Area 4 Governor (Illinois/Wisconsin): Ed McMilin - Present
    - xiv) Area 5 Governor (Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota): Sarah Guyette -Absent
    - xv) Area 6 Governor (Neb./Kansas/Iowa/Missouri): Allan Millbradt – Present
    - xvi) Chicagoland Chapter President: Chris Johnson - Present
    - xvii) Quad City Chapter President: Mike Maloney - Absent
    - xviii) Kansas City Chapter President: Kyle Gorrell - Absent
    - xix) Michigan Chapter President: Vacant
    - xx) Minnesota Chapter President: Chris Gibbs – Absent
    - xxi) Ohio Chapter President: Rodwell King - Present
    - xxii) Ontario Chapter President: Vacant
  - b) Acknowledgement of Quorum – (French)  
**A quorum was not established for this meeting.**
  - c) Recognition of non-voting members – (French). - Barb Worth

- 2) **Agenda Approval:** Ed McMilin requested the Addition of the topic; 2018 Regional Conference.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of meeting minutes from the September 30, 2016 Philadelphia meeting will be deferred until a quorum is present.
- 4) **Old Business** (French)
  - a) **Treasurers Report** (Kacan)  
No report
- 5) **New Business** (French)
  - a) **New Chapter Quad Cities**  
President French announced the formation of the Quad Cities Chapter and welcomed the chapter to the region. Mike Maloney will serve as Chapter President.
  - b) **Potential New Chapter - Omaha**  
President French discussed interest in a new chapter developing in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa. He was approached by a group looking into the requirements of chapter formation. Ed offered to help, the group will need to establish a board and develop by-laws consistent with the MWGL by-laws.
  - c) **Regional Strategic Planning**  
Our Regions Strategic Plan is due for an update. Our update will follow the lead developed by Internationals update which is in progress, and will be discussed at the International Conference in New Orleans.
  - d) **Ontario Chapter**  
The Ontario Chapter has not had an organized structure for some time. The region has discussed the need for a champion for this chapter. More discussion is required but the preference is to look for local representation at the regional meeting at the International Conference.
  - e) **Elections for 2017**  
Elections are required for President Elect, Governors in Areas 1&4 as well as various Chapter Officers.

The schedule for these elections is as follows:

March 25	Call for Nominations
April 1	Nominations Deadline
April 19-22	Nominations from Members at the Regional Meeting
May 23	Electronic Balloting Closes
June 3	Voting Closes; Votes to be verified by a third party
June 17	Winners Announced

- f) **2017 MWGL Regional Conference Update**  
 Preparations are in progress. The conference will be held at the Drake Hotel, April 19-22, in Chicago, Illinois. Registration will be open soon. Conference theme will be "Blurring the Lines". The 1st day will feature a reception, then the conference program will begin on the second day. An architectural boat tour is being looked into, but may be too early in the season.
  
  - g) **2018 Regional Conference**  
 Ed reminded us that the scheduled rotation for the regional conference calls for the conference to be held in Region 5 (Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota) and 2018's International Conference is scheduled for Chicago. Generally, the International Conference also serves as the hosting's regions regional conference. It was suggested that the 2018 regional conference in Region 5 be postponed and that the 2018 regional conference be combined with the International Conference.
- 6) **International Board Update** (Glover)  
 A strategic planning session is scheduled for March 31 and planning is underway for the International Conference in Atlanta. The conference will have a Global focus.  
 A new committee structure is being discussed and more information will be available at our next meeting.
- 7) **Regional Directors Report** (Worth)  
 Constructive changes have been made to the organizations service model. Our Member Care manager will continue to be Donna Robinson with Barb Worth as her back-up. Additionally, Donna will oversee all other regional managers.
- 8) **Committee Reports**
- a) **Governance** (McMilin): No report
  
  - b) **Membership:** (Roop) No Report
  
  - c) **Awards** (Glover):  
 Lee Brockway Scholarship and John Shaw award announcements have gone out to membership. There is still time to enter.
- 9) **Governors Reports:** (Reports contained in chapter notes)
- a) Area 1 Ontario (Vacant):
  - b) Area 2 Ohio (McLean):
  - c) Area 3 Michigan/Indiana (Monberg):
  - d) Area 4 Illinois/Wisconsin (McMilin):
  - e) Area 5 Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota (Guyette)
  - f) Area 6 Nebraska/Kansas/Iowa/Missouri (Millbradt)

### **10) Chapter Reports**

- a) Ontario Chapter President (Vacant)
- b) Michigan Chapter President (Vacant)
- c) Ohio Chapter President (King)  
The chapter lost 10 members and sent out a survey with their newsletter to engage the membership and look for new ideas for engagement.
- d) Chicagoland Chapter (Johnson)  
Planning for the Regional Conference is underway See report above.
- e) Minnesota Chapter (Gibbs)
- f) Kansas City Chapter (Gorrell)
- g) Quad City Chapter (Maloney)

11) **Open Issues/Discussion:** None

### **12) Next Meeting Dates**

- a) 9:00 CT April 7, 2017
- b) 3:30-5:30 pm April 22nd, 2017 at the regional conference
- c) 9:00am CT June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017
- d) 9:00am CT September 15, 2017, optional, if needed)
- e) October 27, 2017 International Conference. Time TBD

### **13) Adjournment**

- a) Motion to adjourn: not required