



Association for Learning Environments Midwest Great Lakes Region

February Leadership Meeting Minutes

Date: 16 February 2018
Location: Via Conference Call
Time: 9:00AM – 10:00AM CT

- 1) **Call to Order:** President Woods called the Meeting to order.
 - a) Roll Call of Board of Directors:
 - i) President: James Woods – Present
 - ii) Vice President: Ed McMilin – Present
 - iii) President-Elect: Rodwell King – Present
 - iv) Past President: Jim French - Present
 - v) SchoolsNext Coordinator: – Steve Turckes – Present
 - vi) Secretary: Rick Dewar - Present
 - vii) Treasurer: George Kacan – Absent
 - viii) Awards Chair/International Board Representative: Troy Glover – Present
 - ix) Communications Director - Craig Stranathan - Present
 - x) Area 2 Governor (Ohio): Holly Mclean- Present
 - xi) Area 3 Governor (Michigan/Indiana): Greg Monberg - Present
 - xii) Area 4 Governor (Illinois/Wisconsin): Aimee Eckmann - Present
 - xiii) Area 5 Governor (Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota): Sarah Guyette -Absent
 - xiv) Area 6 Governor (Neb./Kansas/Iowa/Missouri): Allan Millbradt – Absent
 - xv) Chicagoland Chapter President: Chris Johnson - Absent
 - xvi) Quad City Chapter President: Andrew Iverson - Present
 - xvii) Kansas City Chapter President: Michelle Chavey - Present
 - xviii) Michigan Chapter President: Vacant
 - xix) Minnesota Chapter President: Chris Gibbs – Absent
 - xx) Ohio Chapter President: Holly Mclean -Present
 - xxi) Nebraska/Western Iowa Chapter President -Mark Warneke - Absent
 - b) Acknowledgement of Quorum

A quorum was established for this meeting

- 2) **Agenda Approval:** No Changes requested.

- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** No Action

- 4) **Old Business** (Woods)
 - a) **Treasurers Report** (Kacan)

George was unable to attend the meeting but sent a summary of our account, which shows a balance of approximately \$50,000.

- 5) **New Business** (Woods)
 - a) **International Strategic Planning – MWGL Strategic Plan**

International is still updating the organizations' Strategic plan, and is currently working on the committee structure. Their next board meeting will be in 2 weeks, and we'll will get a better estimate of the status of the update.
 - b) **Membership Chair By-Law Change**

Ed presented a revision of the by-laws to reflect the elimination of the membership chair. The President-Elect will Chair the Membership committee. The Governors will be responsible for membership growth, retention and chapter creation. The revised by-laws will be sent out to regional membership for a 30-day review period, following which we will be able to act on the changes.
 - d) **SchoolsNext Coordinator Report.** (Steve)

Nothing to report
 - e) **Regional Conference – Chicago International Conference 2018**

Donna requested that those interested joining the local arrangements committee fill out the electronic application available on line. The committee will assist on the selection of tour sites, coordinate on-site volunteers, and help secure sponsors. Carla and Janell are coordinating the effort for International. The content committee has been formed and is currently reviewing proposals.

6) **International Board Update** (Glover)

The International board meeting will be held in two weeks. Committee work is continuing work on the strategic plan and committee structure of the organization. Troy will be in a better position to report on the status next month.

The first town hall meeting has been scheduled and those involved will receive an invitation. Participants will include the entire International board, John Ramsey, and Chapter and Regional Presidents.

7) **Committee Reports**

a) **Governance** (McMilin):

Regional offices up for re-election this year include President-Elect, Secretary and Governors for areas 2 & 5. The call for elections will need to go in February or March

b) **Awards:** (Glover)

The awards schedule has been revised due to the regional conference being incorporated with the International Conference in Chicago.

The Brockway Scholarship application has been released and will be due March 30, with selection announced in May. The John Shaw award announcement will go out in the next week or two.

c) **Communication** (Stranathan):

No report.

8) **Governors Reports:**

a) Area 2 Ohio (McLean):

The area reported 3 dropped members and 1 new member

b) Area 3 Michigan/Indiana (Monberg):

3 members have agreed to serve on the Michigan Chapter board: Superintendent Paul Hartsig, Dowagiac Union Schools, Dale Jerome, President at French Associates, and Natalie Dean, Planner at Wightman.

c) Area 4 Illinois/Wisconsin (Eckmann):

We need to revitalize the leadership of this group. Aimee is attempting to get past leadership together to develop a strategy for moving forward.

d) Area 5 Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota (Guyette)

e) Area 6 Nebraska/Kansas/Iowa/Missouri (Millbradt)

9) Chapter Reports

- a) Ontario Chapter President (Vacant)
- b) Ohio Chapter President (McClean)

The next Chapter meeting will be held on March 15 in Columbus and will be a panel discussion with representative of OSFC Ohio Dept. of Education and a school Architect participating. They are also considering doing a chapter landscaping project in the spring or summer. They have narrowed down 2 schools to choose from for the project.

- c) Michigan Chapter President (Vacant)
- d) Chicagoland Chapter (Johnson)
- e) Minnesota Chapter (Gibbs)
- f) Nebraska/Western Iowa Chapter (Warneke)
- g) Kansas City Chapter (Chavey)

The next Kansas City Chapter event will be held in March, and they currently have 3 sponsors on board. They have established a grant program and will award four \$1500 grants to schools to further opportunities in future learning environments in their schools. They have developed an application process and are looking to implement the first round of projects this summer.

- h) Quad City Chapter (Malone)

The first event is scheduled for February 28th and will include presentations on the flipped classroom, Davenport Schools solar program, and Coal Valley’s performing arts center. They are considering developing a grant program to award two administrators access to the International Conference.

10) Open Issues/Discussion:

Donna mentioned that the membership reports might be inaccurate due to the new operating system. Staff is investigating the “glitches” and will continue to improve the accuracy of the reports.

11) Next Meeting Dates

a) March 16, 2018	8:00 am - 9:00 am Central time	Via Teleconference
b) April 20, 2018	8:00 am - 9:00 am Central time	Via Teleconference
c) May 18, 2018	8:00 am - 9:00 am Central time	Via Teleconference
d) June 15, 2018	8:00 am - 9:00 am Central time	Via Teleconference
e) July 20, 2018	8:00 am - 9:00 am Central time	Via Teleconference
f) August 17, 2018	8:00 am - 9:00 am Central time	Via Teleconference
g) September 21, 2018	8:00 am - 9:00 am Central time	Via Teleconference
h) October 19, 2018	8:00 am - 9:00 am Central time	Via Teleconference
i) November 1-4	TBD	Int’l/Regional conf.

12) Adjournment

- a) Motion to adjourn: McMilin Seconded: Glover. The motion carried.