Association for Learning Environments
Midwest Great Lakes Region

May Leadership Meeting Minutes

Date: 04 May, 2016
Location: Detroit, Michigan
Time: 8:30AM – 9:30AM (EST)

1) Call to Order: President Drerup called the Meeting to order.

a) Roll Call of Board of Directors:
   i) President: Melanie Drerup – Present
   ii) Vice President: James French – Absent
   iii) President-Elect: James Woods – Present
   iv) Past President: – Steve Turckes - Absent
   v) Secretary: Rick Dewar - Present
   vi) Treasurer: George Kacan – Present
   vii) Area 1 Governor (Ontario): Vacant
   viii) Area 2 Governor (Ohio): Holly Mclean- Absent
   ix) Area 3 Governor (Michigan/Indiana): Greg Monberg - Absent
   x) Area 4 Governor (Illinois/Wisconsin): Ed McMilin - Absent
   xi) Area 5 Governor (Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota): Sarah Guyette -Absent
   xii) Area 6 Governor (Neb./Kansas/Iowa/Missouri): Allan Millbradt – Present
   xiii) International Board Representative: Troy Glover- Present
   xiv) Chicagoland Chapter President: Robin Randall – Absent
   xv) Kansas City Chapter President: Brad Kiehl - Absent
   xvi) Michigan Chapter President: John Davids – Absent
   xvii) Minnesota Chapter President: Eric Anderson – Present
   xviii)Ohio Chapter President: Rodwell King - Present
   xix) Ontario Chapter President: Vacant
   xx) Membership Development Chair- Bob Roop (2014-2015) - Absent

b) Acknowledgement of Quorum – (Drerup)
c) Recognition of non-voting members – (Drerup). - Donna Robinson

A quorum was not established for this meeting.
Opening Comments by President Drerup

Special thanks were given to this year’s conference organizers: Dale Jerome, John Davis Racheal Lynn Eduardo Brown, Donna Robinson and Rebecca Richter, - many thanks for your hard work! And a warm welcome to Scott Layne, representing International.

Thank you and recognition to this year’s conference sponsors.

2) Agenda Approval: No discussion

3) Approval of Minutes: Approval of meeting minutes will be deferred until a quorum is present.

4) Old Business (Drerup)
   a) Treasurers Report (Kacan)
      The treasurer’s report was presented and currently reflects a net balance of $56,543.37
      We anticipate a slight loss this fiscal year. However, the Region has sustained a strong
      financial position for several consecutive years are certain that we are able to operate
      successfully in the next few years.

5) New Business
   a) Board Vacancies and Elections (Drerup)
      Melanie read the position descriptions for the available offices and received no
      nominations from the floor. On-line nominations will close on Friday.
      Vacant Positions are:
      Governor, Area 1 – Ontario
      Ontario Chapter President
      Elections Required in 2016 are:
      President-Elect
      Treasurer
      Area Governors (3&6)
      Chapter Officers
      Election Schedule
      March 25    Call for nominations
      May 1-4     Nominations from members at the Regional Board Meeting
      May 23      Ballots available electronically
      June 3      Voting closes and votes verified by third party
      June 17     Winners announced

e) 2016 A4LE Regional Conference Update (Jerome)

c) 2017 A4LE Regional Conference Update (Robinson)
   The Chicagoland Chapter will be hosting our conference in 2017. They are currently looking at potential venues in Rosemont and Downtown Chicago.

d) Iowa Chapter Development – (Robinson)
   The chapter organizers recently held a formational meeting and had 50 people in attendance.
e) **SchoolsNEXT** (Drerup)
   This year’s entry was presentation was videoconferenced in at our tour of Cranbrook. More discussion at a later time.

6) **International Board Update** (Scott Layne)
   Scott has a brief presentation that will be presented after the business meeting.

7) **Regional Directors Report** (Robinson)
   Donna is gearing up for the International conference in Philadelphia, Sept 28 - October 1. She will send out AIA credit sheets for this year’s conference following the event. Donna is working with the Chicago planning committee in researching venues for the 2017 conference in Chicago.

8) **Committee Reports**
   a) **Governance** (McMilin): No report
   b) **Membership**: (Roop) No Report
   c) **Awards** (Glover): Troy announced the Winners of this year’s awards. The winners are:
      - Lee Brockway Scholarship: Sofia Acosta, Blue Valley High School.
      - John Shaw Award: Conner/Grier and DLR
      - Lifetime Achievement Award: Steve Turckes
      - Fellow Award: Melanie Drerup and Troy Glover
      - Distinguished Service Award: Dale Jerome
      - Service Citation: John Davis and Rachael Lynn

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 (Davids)
       i) Emphasis has been on planning this conference. Some schools felt that the SchoolsNext curriculum was too big an undertaking for them, so the chapter has organized a classroom design competition and is awarding the winner a $500 prize.
    c) Ohio Chapter President (King)
       i) The Ohio Chapter is hosting a screening of “Most Likely to Succeed” and is gearing up for more activities. Current membership is stable.
    d) Chicagoland Chapter (Randall)
       i) Ed reported that the chapter held a function in December and will be holding an event in a few weeks. The chapter is in the planning stages for an all-day event to be held in connection with a sister organization.
    e) Minnesota Chapter (Anderson)
       i) Chris Gibbs from ATS&R will be the Chapter’s president.
f) Kansas City Chapter (Kiehl)

11) **Open Issues/Discussion:**
   George mentioned that he will be putting together a proposed budget for review in Detroit.

12) **Next Meeting Dates**
   a) August 12, 2016 via WebEx
   b) Oct 29-Nov 2 International Conference, Philadelphia

13) **Adjournment**
   a) Motion to adjourn: Troy, Seconded: Mark.