



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

August Leadership Meeting Minutes

Date: 12 August , 2016
Location: Via WebEx
Time: 9:00AM – 10:00AM (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 – Present
 - iii) President-Elect: James Woods – Absent
 - iv) Past President/SchoolsNext Coordinator: – 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- Present
 - ix) Area 3 Governor (Michigan/Indiana): Greg Monberg - Present
 - x) Area 4 Governor (Illinois/Wisconsin): Ed McMillin - Present
 - 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 – Absent
 - xviii) Ohio Chapter President: Rodwell King - Absent
 - 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.

- 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)

George was pleased to report that this year's regional conference resulted netted \$18.36, essentially breaking even. Congrats to the organizing committee. The region is showing a positive balance of just under \$60,000 in our account. George indicated that our financial positive remains strong.
- 5) **New Business**
 - a) **Board Vacancies and Elections** (Drerup)

Melanie announced the election results for this year's officer's
President elect-elect: Ed McMilin
Treasurer: George Kacan
Area 3 Governor: Greg Monberg
Area 6 Governor: Allan Milbradt
These positions will be effective October 2016
 - b) 2016 A4LE Regional Conference – No report
 - c) **2017 A4LE Regional Conference Update** (Robinson)

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.
 - d) **Chapter Development** – (Robinson)

The quad city group is working on developing an organizing structure, and looks like the group will be comprised of a large number of new A4LE members.
 - e) **SchoolsNEXT** (Turckes)

Brecksville Broadview Heights Middle School (Broadview Heights, Ohio) students will attend the finalist presentations in Philadelphia as representatives of the MWGL region.
- 6) **International Board Update** (Troy Glover)

A4LE will be updating its management system in January 2017. This should improve email and mobile connections, as well as A4LE direct connect. Board committees are trying to engage emerging professionals in the organization. SchoolsNext is exploring its organizational structure and funding, Global expansion and the development of a High School and Higher Ed program. The Content committee continues to explore conference content and may merge with the conference committee. The innovation committee is

researching current trends in education. They have found interest in Pre-K education and may develop a sub-committee to focus at that area.

7) **Regional Directors Report** (Robinson)

Donna noted that the International Board is looking for a regional conference to host a meeting focused on updating our organizations strategic plan. The group will consist of 13 board members and 2-3 staff members. Generally, the MWGL region would comp registration to the conference and provide meeting space for the group. After discussion the group felt that we should consider offering our conference as a potential venue, and Donna offered to develop potential a list of costs associated with that offer.

8) **Committee Reports**

a) **Governance** (McMilin): No report

b) **Membership:** (Roop) No Report

c) **Awards** (Glover): The 2016 awards program has been closed. Troy has debriefed with the subcommittees and created the 2017 awards schedule, which has been posted to our website.

9) **Governors Reports:** (Reports contained in chapter notes)

a) Area 1 Ontario (Vacant):

b) Area 2 Ohio (McLean):

Holly reported that their next Ohio chapter event will be Oct 6. The group will tour a new school in the area.

c) Area 3 Michigan/Indiana (Monberg):

d) Area 4 Illinois/Wisconsin (McMilin):

Ed presented, for discussion, a resolution regarding the disposition of the Ontario Chapter, which has been inactive for several years. Membership in the area has dropped from 83 members to 35 members and the chapter has liquidated their assets. We have 2 options, liquidating the chapter or reinvigorating the chapter with fresh leadership. If we liquidate the chapter the new startup would be eligible for a start-up stipend, per our by-laws. Our was concern that this action might be considered negatively by those in Ontario. The issue was tabled for further discussion, but Donna is to verify that he account is in fact closed, Donna, Rick, Jim and George need to reach out to Ontario members.

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)

c) Ohio Chapter President (King)

d) Chicagoland Chapter (Randall)

Ed reported that chapter held a tour of the British school in July. Another event is being planned in association with the USGBC, as well as potential joint participation in the upcoming regional conference.

e) Minnesota Chapter (Anderson)

f) Kansas City Chapter (Kiehl)

11) Open Issues/Discussion:

12) Next Meeting Dates

- a) Oct 29-Nov 2 International Conference, Philadelphia

13) Adjournment

- a) Motion to adjourn: Passed