

WCASS Membership Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 4:30 pm
Geneva Room
Marriott West, Middleton, WI

<p>I. Call to Order & Introductions</p>	
<p>II. Secretary Report</p> <p>Minutes are posted on the WCASS website. No discussion on minutes.</p> <p>Motion to accept the minutes made by Tom Potterton. Seconded by Kris. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Dawn Western</p>
<p>III. SAA Report</p> <p><i>Hand out</i></p> <p>The legislative session was split by the recall. The first session dealt with the budget. Since the recall, it's been much more moderate. There are more recalls coming. The governor's recall was put underway today along with 3 senators and Scott Fitzgerald. The concern is for big interest groups willing to write big checks to help fund the recalls.</p> <p>This legislation period was very productive. There are 5 pieces of legislation on the governor's desk. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 95 – allowing us to use federal dollars for contracted services. • SB 49 – Medication to students. The requirement for nurses to have a bachelor's degree has been rolled back. Tech colleges are looking at their programs to allow students to become successful in the school setting. <p>Open enrollment – Senate Bill 2 - The issue of the year round open enrollment window is no longer a possibility.</p> <p>Charter school expansion – Senate Bill 22 - The SAA worked hard to limit the downside damages. The SAA doesn't support the bill, but has removed its opposition.</p> <p>Choice trailer bill – Senate Bill 174 - This will fix an issue that was a concern in the budget. It will close the door behind Racine, and any further expansions will require votes. It will be recommended for passage tomorrow.</p> <p>Vocational diploma – Assembly Bill 18 - we are currently opposed to this bill. Students aren't required to earn the minimum number of credits as this one stands.</p> <p>Double dipping – Assembly Bill 318 – This will have a big impact on CESAs and critical instructional positions. Bringing back people from retirement also helps the tax payers. Please send John your stories of how you are using this</p>	<p>John Forester</p>

<p>practice to help students. He shows these stories to the legislators.</p> <p>Background checks – question from the floor regarding having a requirement to do background checks on employees of private schools. John will keep us updated on this issue. There is currently no movement in this legislative session.</p> <p>School Accountability Task Force – There is some talk that the SAA shouldn't be at the table. We do need to be at the table. The governor does have the votes to get it passed. We need to have a voice.</p> <p>Seclusion and Restraint – We have been working with DPI regarding the bill. The draft is being ironed out. We do have consensus from all parties, including the advocacy groups. We should be able to get this passed this session.</p>	
<p>IV. WDPI Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REMOVED FROM AGENDA</p>	
<p>V. Treasurer Report</p> <p><i>Hand out –</i></p> <p>Finances were audited and look good. The budget shows we came out ahead last year. We made extra revenue from the conferences. We are financially solvent. Contact Ken if you would like to see the audit or have other questions.</p> <p>Motion made to accept the treasurer's report made by Bob Geigle and seconded by Tom Potterton. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Ken Kassees</p>
<p>VI. President's comments and organizational Items.</p> <p>a. Reports of WCASS Committee Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Public Relations/Website Committee: Becky Collins will help Jennifer Zynda with the newsletter and other public relations. ii. Constitution: Jesse Jackson has taken position previously held by Howard Kallio who retired. iii. School Accountability Advisory Committee: Kurt Eley, Greg Nyen, Eric Hartwig, Dave Kwiatowski and Gary Myrah iv. Wisconsin PK-20 Education Research Advisory Council (WERAC): Matt Collins v. School Health Services Advisory Committee: Kathy Feuerer (kfeuerer@phillips.k12.wi.us) vi. WSPEI: Tom Potterton vii. Wisconsin Summit on Mental Health and Hearing Loss 	<p>Dave Kwiatkowski</p>

1. Deaf/Deaf-Blind/Hard of Hearing - mental health needs and substance abuse services
2. March 13, 2012 in Waukesha, WI
3. Recommend Marty Armato, Grafton

John Peterson has become the chair of the state superintendent's advisory council.

Please let a board member know if you would like to become more involved in the WCASS organization.

Hand out – letter

Next year MOE will become a big issue due to the lowering of our costs because of the employee contributions to fringe benefits. The contributions are not exemptions. It will take an act of congress to change the MOE exemption. Senator Kohl could work with Secretary Duncan to expand the exemptions. The letter shows the proposed language for the expansion. This letter has been submitted to Senator Kohl's office. Contact Senator Kohl's office and let him know if you are in support of it. This issue was also brought up at the CASE meeting. Several other states are in trouble of MOE. CEC and CASE will push this issue. It's imperative that we get information to our representatives. Our senior senator will soon be Johnson. He is in the camp of cutting funding back to the 1966 levels. We are trying to get things pushed through prior to Thanksgiving before mandatory cuts are required. We need stories on impact at the local levels.

Dave reported on the executive board's summer retreat. The board came up with three focused goals for our organization. They are: advance professional development, empower leadership, and advocate/promote child outcomes.

- b. Newsletter contributions – Everyone needs to make this a priority.

VII. Past President report

Nominations for Elections [President-elect & Treasurer] – Tim explained the 2 positions that are up for re-election this spring. Everyone is encouraged to run if you would like to become more involved in the organization. Contact Tim or your WCASS regional representative to submit names for nominations. Self nominations are also welcome. We would like the names by the winter conference so they can be announced at the conference. A survey monkey will be sent out between the winter and spring conferences for the elections. Results will be announced at the spring conference.

Greg Nyen reported on his representation of WCASS at the national CASE board of directors' conference. Reduction of funds was a topic of discussion. It is uncertain if we will be able to get this back. Highly qualified was another

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<p>topic. The definition varies greatly between states. A lively discussion revolved around the needs of all teachers, especially cross training. We need to create opportunities for teachers to learn differentiation in general education and special education teachers to learn about common core. MOE was another topic of discussion. There are districts in many states that have begun paying back dollars. It appears that the opinion that paying back will lower your MOE for the next year will be tested. Discussion also revolved around how we define effort. Senator Harkin was reluctant to talk about any amendments to IDEA.</p> <p>Gary Myrah announced that he will be running for the president of CASE.</p>	
<p>VIII. Conference Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. WDPI/WASBO/WCASS Federal Funding Conference: There was a total of 336 individuals who registered for all or part of the conference. 271 participated in the full conference. 59 participated in the post conference. Gary explained that this conference was a huge success. Kudos was given to the DPI staff for a very worthwhile conference. There was a waiting list of 100, so another conference was added Feb. 27-28 in WI Dells. Rachael Zellmer and Lori Ames are exceptional speakers and give the best message in the country on this topic. CASE presidents from MN, IA, and IL will be coming to the Feb. conference to hear the message of Rachael and Lori. It is hoped Rachael and Lori will also be presenting at the CEC conference in Arizona next school year. b. Winter Conference (February 1-3) - Paper Valley, Appleton: The new directors' academy will occur in the morning with the conference starting at noon. Steve Kukic will be the keynote speaker. Brochures will be out in approximately 3 weeks. c. Spring Conference (May 2-4) at Chula Vista: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A meeting was held with Rebecca Walters regarding the evaluations on the conditions of the rooms. We were assured these issues would be addressed. ii. Rates/Accommodations will be: \$95 for a junior suite; \$179 for a 2-bedroom condo; Friday stay over rate will add \$20; Sat. stay over rate will add \$50 d. New Director's Academy e. SAA Rtl Summit (March 7 & 8: KI Center – Green Bay) f. Dave explained the Midwest regional committee that is being developed. The Feb. conference will be the first pseudo meeting of this group. 	<p>Tammy Nyen</p>
<p>IX. Legislative Issues & Updates</p> <p>Kurt deferred to John's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Restraint & Seclusion: State & Federal b. Contracted services using IDEA funds (e.g. S/L) c. School Accountability Design Team d. SAA Legislative Agenda for 2011-13 budget year 	<p>Kurt Eley & Gary Myrah</p>

<p>e. WCASS lobby support in relation to SAA</p> <p>f. Gary reviewed the teacher rating system being discussed in the legislature. The regulatory document that public schools need to follow will be taken to the legislators. Private and charter schools do not need to follow the same regulations. By the time the recall election occurs, something should be out there.</p>	
<p>X. Membership Report</p> <p>There was a 20% return rate on the membership survey. People indicated satisfaction with the conference and WCASS. Steve highlighted some items from the survey. People have found that networking and staying current on legislative issues are beneficial. Concerns included the length of the conference. The board will continue to look at this issue. A reminder was given that you do not need to attend the whole conference. There are price reductions for attending partial conferences. In the past there was discussion about raising dues, but due to the success of our conferences, we have not had to do this. There will be a link on the website to access the membership survey results.</p> <p>New members were acknowledged and introduced themselves. New members will be given welcome portfolios.</p>	Steve Smith
<p>XI. Regional reorganization & CESA RSN Support – REMOVED FROM AGENDA</p>	Barb Van Haren
<p>XII. Proposed Constitution changes</p> <p>a. Committee name changes</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Conference Committee to Professional Development Committee</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. Constitution to Constitution and Policy Committee</p> <p>b. Required membership in CASE</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. General membership – this is not something that we hold firm on. CASE may be making this harder because they are dropping in membership. We encourage you to join CASE in order to have a national representation, but will not make it mandatory.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. Executive Board Membership</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Executive board members will be required to be members of CASE.</p> <p>XIII. Other items</p>	Gary Myrah

Gary explained that we are looking at redesigning the website. WASBO is an example of what the WCASS website will be modeled after. Hopefully it will be completed by the February conference.

Business from the floor – none.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nissan Bar Lev, seconded by Greg Nyen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Western, WCASS secretary.