

# **MAPT Board of Directors Meeting**

**Cross Building  
Augusta, Maine**

**January 15, 2009**

## **Board Members Present**

Lennie Goff	President
Joanne Woodworth	Vice President
Cindy Button	Secretary
Kevin Mallory	Treasurer
Brenda Cravens	At Large

## **Others Present**

Julie Waters	MSAD 28
George Cressey	WC Cressey
Cheryl Nadeau	MSAD 49
Beverly Hooper	MSAD 35
Ron Deegan	MSAD 44 Via Conference Call

Lennie asked for a motion to accept the October minutes. Kevin Mallory made the motion to accept, Cheryl Nadeau seconded. Unanimous vote to accept the minutes.

## **Treasurers Report – Kevin Mallory**

Kevin supplied us with a copy of his report. He gave a brief summary on Profit & Loss, Balance, Check and Charge Detail and Accounts Receivable. Lennie Goff asked for a motion to accept the report. Joanne Woodworth made a motion to accept. Brenda Cravens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Presidents Report – Lennie Goff**

Lennie Goff stressed the importance of remaining active and upbeat. We all need to work our way through the year with the budget issues at hand. He stated he has made the commitment to stay and do whatever he can for the organization. He asked that we spread the word to others and encourage everyone to stay together and work hard for the organization. He noted the change for the next meeting. It has been changed from February 19, to February 26. This will be in North Berwick at the Town Offices.

## **Old Business**

### **Conference Committee Update – Brenda Cravens**

Brenda expressed her frustration with the committee. She stated it has been very difficult if not impossible to get participation from the committee members. She has asked people numerous times for help, but has not been successful in getting anywhere. She has a form made up for the registration. She is trying to draw some help from the Southern chapter, but they are not strong at this point either. Central location will be in Oakland. Dave Leavitt is taking care of the Western. We still need a Midcoast location. A Northern location still needs to be addressed. Kevin wondered about combining and making one in Houlton. Lennie expressed the concern for the travel time needed for some of the northern members. Commitments need to be made for the classes by February 1. Ron Deegan, Kevin Mallory, Bev Hooper and Cindy Button will present workshops, No response yet from the SSTS about a workshop. Brenda will send an email to

Blendine Butterfield about presenting a workshop. A conference call will be held the last week of January to try and tie up loose ends. The regional registration will be free to all, with a minimum fee of 10.00 for all non-members for lunch.

### **Website Updates – Joanne Woodworth**

Joanne has made several updates to the website. Joanne still needs to get Bios and pictures from a few people. Mutual Aid updates are on the website. Forward these updates to Cindy Button when you receive them. She is also updating the Chapters.

Committees:

Driver Excellence: Peter Saucier, Chair, Harvey Boatman, Joanne Woodworth, Blendine Butterfield and last years nominee.

Conference: Brenda Cravens, Chair, Phil Dobson, Diane Morin, Kevin Mallory, Della Maher and Beverly Hooper.

Legislative: Dave Leavitt, Chair, Ron Deegan, Joanne Woodworth and Lennie Goff.

Nominating: Cindy Button, Chair, Ed Wentworth, Dave Leavitt, Peggy Bowden, and Joanne Woodworth.

SSTC: Blendine Butterfield, Chair, Kate Spear, Kathy Shearer, Ed Wentworth, and Ron Deegan.

Membership: Mike Kelly, Chair, Ed Wentworth, and Kevin Mallory.

Ron asked Joanne to send copies of the lists out and to post them on the website.

### **Budget Shortfalls – Lennie Goff**

Lennie asked if there was anything in the packet he sent out about the Winter Forum that changing. Ron asked about putting the letter from DOE about State Funding on the website.

Kevin Mallory questioned whether this would be appropriate.

Kevin brought up the winter forum. He asked about subject matter, and suggested to hold it in the Bangor area. This will be centrally located. He feels that the cost needs to be considered. He suggested the possibility of going out on our own for lunch and providing a continental breakfast. Lennie suggested discussing the regional centers. How long will the forum be? The room is reserved for the day. Kevin would like to open it to more topics. Kevin will put together an agenda for the day. The forum will be held on February 28. Julie Waters asked about holding it during the week, rather than on a weekend. Kevin stated last years forum was well attended on Saturday. Lennie will check on locations in the Bangor area. There will be a conference call on January 29, at 10:00 to discuss it further.

### **New Business**

#### **Special Needs Conference – Kevin Mallory**

Kevin wanted to let everyone know that there is a scholarship form Edu-pro if anyone would like to take advantage of it. It is due today.

#### **Proposed Legislation – Lennie Goff**

Lennie passed out a copy of the proposed legislation regarding the transportation consolidation that his superintendent drafted. He (Dr. Jim Morse) is asking that MAPT endorse this proposal. Superintendents have endorsed and support this proposal. This proposal is voluntary and districts do not need to participate.

Kevin Mallory made a motion to accept the proposal as written. Joanne Woodworth seconded. Unanimous to accept.

#### **Regional Service Center – Lennie Goff**

Lennie Goff providing us with an update of the regional service center he has been involved with his district. He stated it is moving forward. The last discussion compiled figures about maintenance and operation costs. A new facility is not likely at this point. Waterville, Winslow

and Vasselboro will consolidate. China will join MSAD 47. They will then all become known as RSU 18. He will keep us posted.

Cindy Button asked a question about the maintenance part of the consolidation and how maintaining vehicles in different towns is cost effective.

### **New Chart of Accounts – Kevin Mallory**

Kevin Mallory provided us with a detail summary of a new chart of accounts and the impact this has had on his district. Most districts have implemented this already, but some have not. Kevin sent out a survey last week to directors asking how curricular bus runs were invoiced and how they were paid. The results showed that most districts have not been invoicing and/or recording to the correct account. He encourages everyone to start doing this now. He said if we all did and took the cut now it would help the state overall.

### **Other Business - DOE Rick Soules**

Rick Soules was not able to attend today, but he did leave us with an update that Lennie shared with us. Rick met with Purchases (Betty) to make sure she knows what is in the RFP this time. She made a few suggestions and is hoping to get a new document out to the committee this week and plans on submitting for the next internal review, which is Tuesday, January 20. He is hoping if all goes well they may have an RFP to release in February.

Requests for buses are down a little bit, but so are the available funds.

There is a proposed bill to legislation to allow buses to do the actual speed limit on the turnpike and interstates. He personally does not have a problem with this.

### **Chapter Updates – Bev Hooper, Southern**

There were four people that showed for the Southern. Lengthy meeting regarding membership and the annual conference. She suggested a questionnaire to find out some answers with regard to attendance at meetings and conferences. The population of aging drivers is also a concern. She suggested a job fair to encourage people to become drivers.

### **MAPT Liaison – Harvey Boatman**

Harvey was not able to attend this meeting but left a report for Lennie to share with us. Harvey has met with Rick Soules and David Patterson last week to work on the use of the DOE system for some of the Academy Professional Development Series. They have more meetings scheduled. He will be participating in a webinar on January 20 looking at the use of Adobe Connect Software as on-line meeting software that will eventually replace the ATM system in June of this year.

He and Kevin have partnered with Barbara Donovan (DOT Passenger Transportation) to discuss overlaps and potential synergies between the DOT passenger group and school transportation.

Harvey continues to work with Pauline Jamison on the wheel chair tie down workshop for the conferences and with DHHS and Safe Kids to deliver the 8-hour NHTSA workshop for CPS in school buses. The class will be offered February 18 in Augusta.

Harvey is hoping to have the policy manual complete by the end of January.

Ron Deegan wanted to inform us that Lynn Cating still had grant money for auxiliary heaters for buses. Would need to work with the vendors regarding invoicing.

Kevin Mallory made a motion to adjourn, Joanne Woodworth seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50.

Next meeting is February 26 in North Berwick at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Button  
MAPT Secretary