

## MASP Professional Development Committee - Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2019 10:00am at Cloudport - 63 Federal Street, Portland

**In attendance:** Kim Shur, PD Committee Chair, Judy Rose, MASP Treasurer, Anne Bureau, Suzanne Botana (virtual attendance), Ann Ervin (virtual attendance)

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Brief PD Committee Background:**

**Fall Conference in October:** Held at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport on a Friday (preferable for members) or Monday if Fridays not available.

**November Workshop:** This has been a half-day workshop followed by the annual meeting. Historically it was held on a Saturday in mid-November in Augusta. Due to sparse attendance, members were surveyed about whether they preferred a Saturday or Friday meeting and based on the responses, the workshop was changed to a Friday in 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport. The facilities were not as nice and food not as good for almost the same price as the Harraseeket. In 2016 moved to the Harraseeket. This past November (2018) was the first time the November workshop was scheduled for a whole day. We are already paying for the room so we decided to make the whole day an option. The workshop had to be rescheduled to April due to weather. A small percentage of registrants opted to attend only the morning or afternoon session while everyone else chose the full day option. Moving forward November can be offered as a full day option. Ethics is offered at the November workshop every other year.

**Spring Conference:** Have had them consistently since 2014. In 2014 the Spring conference was on a Saturday in Augusta. In 2015 the Spring conference was moved to a Friday at the Harraseeket and have been there on a Monday or Friday ever since.

**NASP Approved Provider Status:** MASP is a NASP approved provider for continuing education. We just renewed and were approved for another three years. We are restricted to providing workshops and conferences when offering NASP approved CEU.

**Meeting Locations/Geographic Diversity:** The location of meetings has been talked about many times before. There is a desire for more geographical diversity or the ability to connect to workshops virtually. Some headway with the ability to allow us to offer virtual attendance has been made and will continue to be explored.

- **Fall Conference - October 25th**

Eric Rossen recently presented *Creating Trauma Informed Schools and Classrooms* at MADSEC and will be doing a similar presentation for the Maine Principal's Association.

Our members members have asked for workshops around trauma. The Executive Board felt it would be good to have him present to school psychologists as well. This topic fits with the Strategic Plan goal of having professional development activities around mental health issues. Eric is available and will present the topic with a school psych spin on it. Small group breakout discussions will be held throughout the day.

- **November Workshop - November 15th**

A list of topics was compiled from the evaluation sheets from the October 2018 and April 2019 conferences and was shared with committee members prior to the meeting.

The MASP Executive Board does not dictate topics or speakers. Ideas are gathered from conference attendees through the evaluation sheets. Current issues facing school psychologists in Maine and nationally, often through the input of the GPR committee, need to be taken into consideration as well, along with MASP's strategic plan.

When choosing topics and speakers we need to keep in mind:

- Members often are looking for opportunities to connect with each other through breakout and small group discussions. Panel discussions and round tables can be options.
- MASP looks for speakers who are NASP quality speakers. We look to national speakers outside of the organization for conferences. Local speakers and MASP members can be beneficial for roundtable types of workshops.
- It may be beneficial to partner more with other state organizations for our conferences - MADSEC, MPA, superintendents, social workers, etc.
- It would be good to look ahead at legislation when selecting topics.

Topic ideas proposed for November:

- RTI - comprehensive integrated model
- Early childhood assessment and intervention - this may be good for a mini-series
- Incorporating counseling to students in school
- Expanding the NASP Model - how to get deeper into the model/better implement it
- Addressing the shortage in school psychology in Maine
- Autism

- **PD Committee - Future Needs**

**Survey:** Do we want to survey members to research what they want for professional development activities? The website has a good polling option that can be utilized to survey members.

**Spring Conference:** We will need to explore a topic and date for the Spring Conference.

**Committee Chair:** There will be a need for a new chair of the PD Committee. Kim has been in this role since 2013. She will help facilitate the transition process this fall.

**Action Items:**

- Committee members will explore topics and speakers for November 15th. A google doc will be created and shared with the committee members to facilitate communication.
- Committee members may reach out to potential speakers about availability and cost.
- We will touch base in a few weeks and set another meeting time.