

Michigan Educational Research Association

Minutes

February 4, 2009

Present: Paul Robinson, Chris Schram, Dave Treder, Kathleen Miller, Harvey Czerwinski, Mark Weinberg, Bettie Landauer-Menchik (by phone), Bill Brown (by phone)

Absent: Tovah Sheldon, Ernie Bauer, Laurie Smith

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am by President Dave Treder
2. **Approvals:** The minutes were approved as written, with the correction of Bettie's last name.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Website Update:** All presentations have been turned to PDFs and have been re-uploaded. There are still problems with the view of the site on Internet Explorer. The issues are being worked on. We passed around Ernie's file of officers for one more check. We think it is final, and Chris forwarded the file to Mark for uploading, because he didn't get it when Ernie sent it. We also need to post something on the spring conference as soon as it is available.
4. **Conferences:**
 - a. **Spring 2009 Conference:** We reviewed Bettie's draft program for the spring conference. We voted to pay \$500 to Wendy Tackett for her presentation, motioned by Mark, seconded by Chris. There was discussion of the schedule, and having Wendy Tackett present for 2 hours in the morning and one hour after lunch. The schedule was rearranged so she'll present entirely before lunch. There was a long discussion about DATA 4SS. Bettie will finalize the program this Friday and send it electronically. ***Dave will make sure copies of the conference announcement are distributed at the Michigan School Testing Conference.***
 - b. **Fall 2009 conference:** Bettie can't commit yet. Kathy offered to help. ***All board members are to think about the topics listed in the January minutes, and come to the March meeting with suggestions for speakers. Also those attending should pay attention at the MSTC for potential topics and speakers.*** Common assessments, end-of-course testing and testing out are possibilities. Bill Brown offered to do a presentation on end-of-course assessments and testing out, perhaps with Deb Clemens.
5. **Other Old Business** - none
6. **New Business** - none
7. **Good and Welfare** - none
8. **Next Board Meeting: March 4, 2009, Genesee ISD**

Meeting adjourned 12:00.