

Michigan Educational Research Association

Minutes

March 4, 2009

Present: Paul Robinson, Chris Schram, Dave Treder, Kathleen Miller, Mark Weinberg, Ernie Bauer, Bettie Landauer-Menchik, Laurie Smith (via phone), Harvey Czerwinski

Absent: Tovah Sheldon, Bill Brown

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am by President Dave Treder.
 - a. Dave commended Bettie for her notes/summary from the OEAA meeting.
2. **Approvals:** The minutes were approved as written, with the correction of the date (February 4, not January 7).
 - a. Dave did distribute the conference announcement at the MSTC.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. Website update. The conference information is now up and looks good. Mark is still cleaning up the board member information.
4. **Conferences:**
 - a. Spring 2009 Conference: Bettie will do a mass snail mail of registration materials to the curriculum/assessment director in each district. **Dave will be in charge of contacting the PohlCat and doing the planning including checking on how many rooms/suites we will be booking, and how many people can stay in each.** We will try to stay at the Green Suites rather than the Soaring Eagle Inn. We may offer rooms to those who are speaking. **Ernie will verify with the Gullens that they will do hospitality and when they will be arriving.** Laurie will man the registration table – making name tags, and folders. Ernie will send the file to Laurie a couple of days before. **Chris will look to see if Doug left a list of things to do for registration, and send it to Dave and Laurie.** A budget for hospitality was discussed. The decision was to leave it up to the Gullens. **Dave will also check on the room maximum for the PohlCat.** The schedule was finalized.
 - b. Fall 2009 Conference: Speaker possibilities were discussed including: Kathy Dewsberry-White, Kim Young, Sarah Bryant, Ed Roeber, Rick Stiggins (or a disciple). Ed Roeber is doing a training project on item writing. Much discussion centered around balanced assessment, and what Oakland is doing with curriculum, instruction, and assessment meetings. For a reference, see the blue triangle (from the fall presentation which Ernie participated in – it is on our website). There was discussion about the definitions of interim, formative and summative assessments. **Kathy and Bettie will work on planning the conference.** We would like a lead speaker to frame the topic of balanced assessment, and then we can move from there into different types (end-of-course, common assessments, etc.). One possibility would be someone who went to St. Louis as part of the MAC training. Kim Young is the contact. Kathy will work on contacting someone. Ernie also suggested Rochelle Rubin as someone who could present on formative assessment in science. Other thoughts included linking the spring and fall conferences with a webinar, and perhaps presenting something on RTI as well.
5. **Other Old Business:** none
6. **New Business:** Van Buren County Democrats – they'd like a speaker to present on educational research. Ernie will refer them to Western Michigan University. Bettie got a letter on wanting us to join a public relations group. She told them no. **Chris will check to see if she has the letterhead, and if so, will correct the website address and send an electronic version to all board members.**

7. **Good and Welfare:** none
8. **Next Board Meeting:** April 1, 2009, Genesee ISD **NOTE: The April 1, meeting was cancelled. The next meeting was May 6, 2009.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.