

**MSAA Student Council Committee**  
**May 8, 2019**

**Meeting/Conference Call Minutes**

1. Call to order at 12:35pm.  
Attendance – Paul Branagan, Robert Keuther, Erin Lachapelle, Diana Myers-Pachla, Michael Lucas, Peter Smith

2. Minutes of January 15, 2019 – Approved 4-0

3. Executive Director Report

Paul Branagan provided a report on the following Student Council events to date:

New MASC Student Executive Board members were elected at the Annual Conference in Hyannis. A list of the new committee members was provided.

Middle Level Conference –Registration numbers did not support moving forward with the conference. The initial goal was 300 attendees and approximately 75 registrations were received. The committee discussed looking at a different time of year in the future.

Advisor Workshop (January 25-26) – Houston Kraft presented the training for over 50 advisors at this two-day event. Houston returned to New England for a Character Strong training at Shrewsbury High School in April.

Annual Conference (March 6-8) – The conference was a very successful event. Shaun Derick, Heather Schultz and the Dude Be Nice Team presented at the conference. Dates for the 2020 and 2021 conference have been booked at the Resort and Conference Center. Potential changes for the future include a business meeting for advisors and moving the Polar Plunge to Thursday afternoon. Paul and Peter will follow up with the RCCH to discuss feedback shared and hotel concerns prior to next year's event.

4. Upcoming Events

NASC National Conference (June 24-26) – This summer's conference will take place in Pittsburgh, PA. The Massachusetts delegation includes 49 total people (45 students/4 adults). Discussion took place regarding the number of adults needed for supervision.

MASC Summer Conference (July 7-11) – Work was done in January at the Advisors Workshop to update the curriculum for this summer. The current registration numbers are approximately 240 students. Registration closes in early June.

5. Programming for 2019-20

New Advisor Workshop – The committee discussed ways to engage new advisors. Suggestions included providing sessions at Officershop, reformatting sessions at the Annual Conference, as well as providing time to network, ask questions and learn from veteran advisors at events.

Committee Feedback – Discussion took place regarding the current size of the MSAA Student Council Committee and how to get more people involved. Suggestions included asking regions to

identify potential candidates, utilizing the Summer Institute to promote committee participation and coordinating communication efforts through MSAA.

6. Other

NAWD/NASSCED 2020 Update – The Boston Westin Waterfront was selected as the host hotel for the 2020 conference. A planning meeting was hosted with advisors from across the state. Paul will continue to work with this state planning team regarding the conference theme, events and other details.

Special Olympics Partnership – A 3 day event will take place in Hyannisport in July. The Student Executive Board will be invited to participate in activities and discussion.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24 at the MSAA Convocation. Information about convocation will be sent to the MSAA membership during the summer.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.