

MSAA Student Council Committee
September 24, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order at 10:21am.
Attendance – Paul Branagan, Mike Dudek, Robert Keuther, Joanne Menard, Steven Morgenweck, Diana Myers-Pachla, Stephen Sangster, Peter Smith
Regrets – Heidi Drawec, Michael O'Brien
2. MSAA Student Council Liaison Peter Smith provided a welcome to the members of the committee. New committee members were introduced – Mike Dudek, Joanne Menard, Steven Morgenweck. The Association Conflict of Interest statements were reviewed and signed.
3. Minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting were approved, 4-0 vote.
4. The following officers were elected for the MSAA Student Council Committee:
Chair – Diana Myers-Pachla, 4-0 vote
Vice Chair – Bob Keuther, 4-0 vote
Secretary – Steve Sangster, 4-0 vote
5. MASC Executive Director Paul Branagan provided a report and handouts on Student Council events that took place during the summer:
NASC National Conference (June 24-26) – 48 attendees represented Massachusetts at the conference. The event took place in Pittsburgh, PA.
MASC Summer Conference (July 7-11) – 352 students participated in the Summer Conference at Worcester State University. 69 students were at the Diamond level and 3rd year of the curriculum. The dates for the 2020 conference are being reviewed based upon July 4th falling on Saturday for the upcoming summer.
Student Executive Board Summer Activities – The Student Executive Board participated in their annual August retreat, including planning and goal setting activities for the upcoming school year. The students also had the opportunity to participate in a special event with Special Olympics Massachusetts at the Kennedy Compound in Hyannis, MA.
6. Paul Branagan provided an overview of upcoming MASC events for the 2019-20 school year:
Presidents' Dinner (September 26) – MSAA Office
Officershop (October 11) – Holy Cross
Unified Bocce (January 11-12) – Walpole High School and Oxford High School
Advisors' Workshop (January 24-25) – Resort and Conference Center, Hyannis
Annual Conference (March 4-6) – Resort and Conference Center, Hyannis
7. Paul Branagan provided an update regarding the NAWD/NASSCED Conference being hosted in Boston in December 2020. A Massachusetts planning committee has been working on the details for hosting the event. Paul and members of the planning committee will attend the NAWD Conference in Iowa during December 2019 to assist in planning for the following year. The NAWD Conference will take the place of the MASC Advisors Workshop for the 2020-21 school year.

8. Committee members discussed bridging the gap between Middle Level and High School Student Council. A discussion took place about the challenge of turnover in advisors as well as the need to look at attendance and membership data trends over three years. This data will be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting.
9. Upcoming Meetings – January 9, 2020 (12:00pm) and April 14, 2020 (12:00pm). A conference call option will be provided for these meetings.
10. Meeting adjourned at 11:06am.