

Missouri Association on Higher Education and Disability

Executive Board Meeting

January 19, 2021

Present: Becca Terry (Interim President), Heather Stout (Past President), Theresa Smythe (Secretary), Kathy Clynes (K-12 Liaison)

The meeting was held online from 11:00-1:00.

1) President's Report

- a) Position vacancies – There are currently three vacancies: VP, Treasurer, and Communications Chair. The Interim President sent out notification to the List Serve and solicited interested individuals to complete the terms for these positions. The President talked with interested individuals and recommended them to the Board for approval. MO AHEAD Executive Board approved Robbie Calvert as Interim VP and Christine Platter as Communications Chair. The Executive Board will also seek someone willing to take on the duties and position of the Interim Treasurer at least for the remainder of this year.
- b) Website updates – The MO AHEAD website needs to be updated to include
 1. up-to-date Spring Conference information;
 2. the most current Bylaws;
 3. any other new info we wish to include.

Becca has done some of the updating with regards to Executive Board members.

- c) Membership feedback regarding how to proceed with the organization this year in light of the many Board changes – Members had varied responses but half of the respondents agreed that they would like to see MO AHEAD continue as is. The Board agreed that we will continue as is, therefore not pausing organizational activity and not collaborating with another state affiliate at this time.

However, Board agreed that there is not sufficient time to plan a Spring Conference for 2021. In its stead, the MO AHEAD Executive Board will host monthly Zoom gatherings, offering opportunities for the members to meet, discuss topics of import and interest, and to learn from invited speakers. Information will be formulated and sent out to the membership.

- d) Spring Conference – The membership was solicited for members to plan a Spring Conference. Five members expressed willingness to serving on a planning committee. Becca will reach out to those individuals to plan the SPRING 2022 Conference.
- e) Membership renewal – Typically membership renewal would have happened in late December for the year ahead. Until the interim positions are filled, Becca, Theresa, and Kathy will work together to send out the renewal notice and collect renewals and new memberships.

- 2) Secretary's Report: No report other than to offer that Executive Board minutes will be forthcoming for approval and inclusion on the website.

Executive Board meeting concluded at 12:45. Next scheduled MO AHEAD Executive Board meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2021 @ 2:00 via Zoom (link sent by Becca).

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Smythe
MO AHEAD Secretary