

# WAMLE meeting June 13, 2009

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**PRESENT:**

**DEBBIE HASKELL**  
**STEPHANIE STROW**  
**BRIAN JONES**  
**KEITH SALYER**  
**DOTTY SHIREMAN**

**ABSENT:**

**RICK BOYLE**  
**BEN TALBOT**  
**CONNIE WEINER**  
**VISITOR:**  
**MECHELLE LALANE**

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1. Call to order at 10:40 AM by Debbie Haskell.
2. Special Thanks to Dotty & Jim for hosting today's meeting.

Old Business:

3. Approval of last minutes from May 9, 2009 board meeting.
  - 3.1. Revised spelling of names
  - 3.2. Dotty moved for approval, Stephanie seconded. Approved 5-0-0
4. Keith made a motion to fill the Board Member At-Large position left by the retirement and resignation from the board of Joanne Carbonetti with NMSA/WAMLE member Mechelle LaLane. Motion was seconded by Stephanie. Approved 5-0-0
5. Review of minutes from August 2008 retreat.
  - 5.1. Brian Jones led a brief review of the 2008 retreat with the following items still being of concern to WAMLE Board.
    - 5.1.1. WAMLE Board Make Up
    - 5.1.2. Vision Statement
    - 5.1.3. Outreach and Alignment
    - 5.1.4. Membership

New Business:

6. NMSA has declared "Middle School Matters" as a theme in light of the impact that Middle School has on the success of students in the secondary grades and upon secondary school completion. Some discussion followed regarding the incorporation of the research into WAMLE's operation as an organization and as part of our outreach mission.
7. Treasurer's Report – Rick was unable to attend so report was tabled.
8. Updates for Annual Conference, April 23-24, 2010:
  - 8.1. Revised Title - **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY: POWERING MIDDLE LEVEL LEARNING**
  - 8.2. Location updates (Green River CC and Rainer Middle School) Awaiting report from Ben
  - 8.3. Confirmation of keynote speakers (Rick Wormeli still pending, but Jack Berkmeier is confirmed.)
  - 8.4. Christian Moore possible keynote. (Debbie will contact him.)

- 8.5. Keith will get information from Canfield Insurance re: conference coverage and send it out to the board members.
- 8.6. Conference Strands:
  - 8.6.1. Classroom Management – since class sizes are probably going to increase this will be a topic for all teachers/administrators.
  - 8.6.2. Standards-based Instruction and Assessment
  - 8.6.3. Differentiated Instruction
  - 8.6.4. Energizing Teachers
- 8.7. Publicity -
  - 8.7.1. Website- Dotty has posted the dates on the WAMLE website
  - 8.7.2. Dotty will contact OSPI for inclusion on the WA State website.
  - 8.7.3. Newsletter – Will include a notice and a call for proposals.
  - 8.7.4. NMSA website – affiliate links – Debbie will contact them about getting on their web-page.
  - 8.7.5. Information Officers at ESDs need to be contacted individually to get WAMLE information included in the ESD newsletters and promotional sites. Keith will send the contact information out to the board members for all of the ESD's Information Officers. Each board member will contact the ESD in their area. Debbie will be contact the leftovers.
  - 8.7.6. Kathy S. (Dotty's daughter) will be asked to do a graphic postcard for advertising the Conference.
- 8.8. Stephanie will get an updated mailing list from NMSA for mailing out the postcards. It was suggested that the board also visit the local schools and put the postcards into the teacher's boxes directly.
- 8.9. Possible electronic pay site for the conference and memberships. Rick will be asked to check with CHASE (our current bank regarding setting up an electronic payment system. Paypal may also be an option as it is cheaper, easier to use, and readily available.
9. Call for proposals –
  - 9.1. "Free online Surveys" type sites will be checked out for possibilities on how and where to collect the incoming proposals. Keith will check with Jack B. to see if there is an option to use the NMSA proposal submission site.
  - 9.2. Proposals will be due by 11/1/2009.
  - 9.3. Keith will contact Allen Burke OSPI as a possible invited presenter.
10. Jack Berkmeier (NMSA) will be able to attend as the Saturday Key note speaker. Jack will be able to meet with us as a board to discuss WAMLE's evolution, expansion to a regional representative board, etc.

## 11. Newsletter

- 11.1. Connie - farewell message – Will forward it to Dotty ASAP
- 11.2. Stephanie has sent her article on summer reading list for students.
- 11.3. Keith will send the Professional Reading List to Dotty ASAP
- 11.4. Debbie – book review *An International Look at Educating Young Adolescents-*  
*Dotty has a copy of the article.*
- 11.5. Brian – advisory programs article has been sent to Dotty.
- 11.6. Ben – HOUSS – Will send article ASAP
- 11.7. \*\* Welcome to a NEW board Member – a brief bio of Mechelle LaLane will be included in the newsletter – Mechelle will author it and send to Dotty.
- 11.8. Membership – form will be included in the newsletter
- 11.9. Conference – information will be included in the newsletter

## 12. Website – Any updates for Dotty –

- 12.1. Keith will survey board members as to what topics they might be willing to offer to the local districts as an in-service. Dotty will post the list to our website and the list will be included in the newsletter with contact information.
- 12.2. Activity of the WAMLE BOARD: i.e. Conferences where board members are presenting, articles, activities within the schools, etc.
- 12.3. Middle School Pictures of the Board Members will be forwarded to Dotty for use on the website.

## 13. Membership drive -

- 13.1. Debbie wants to see if Middle Schools will allow Board Members to attend fall staff meetings to discuss WAMLE.
- 13.2. Face book possibly – Stephanie will set up a Face Book
- 13.3. Design tee-shirts for WAMLE
- 13.4. Pencils, magnets, calendars, etc. may want to invest in “Bling” for members.

## 14. Board configuration – other models

- 14.1. Debbie passed out several other state ML models for the board to review.
- 14.2. We will revisit this at a future board meeting. Stephanie will provide the board with a list of the where our WAMLE & NMSA members are by city so we can see the regions that are active in the Middle School organizations.

## 15. Constitution and by-laws (Table until next meeting)

## 16. Partnerships (Tabled)

## 17. Schedule upcoming meetings

- Aug. 15 (Ellensburg Area – Thorp or CWU)
- Sept. 12 (Bellingham)
- Oct. 10 (Sequim)
- Nov. 14 (St. Joseph’s) – Brian’s BD
- Dec. 12 (Rainer)
- Jan 16 (St. Joseph’s)
- Feb 13 (Pending)
- March 13 (Pending)
- April 10 (Rainer)

April 23-24<sup>th</sup> (Conference 2009)

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Evening Board Meeting at Conference Location

May 15 (Pending)

June 26 (Pending)

18. Adjourned at 1:55 PM

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