

2009-2010 Review

MASC has had an unbelievable year of student council activity. This issue will reflect on those moments and the events from the 2009-2010 MASC State Convention

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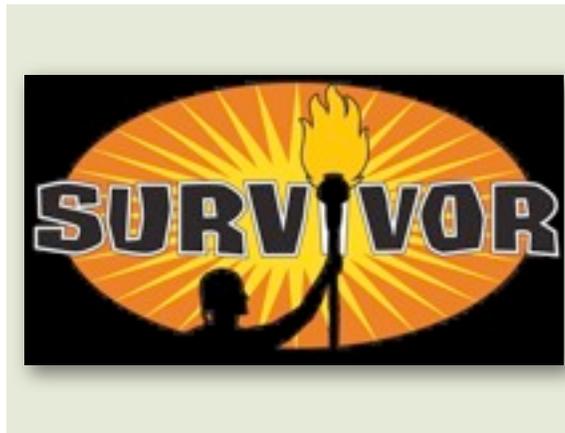
Survivor North Woods: Leadership by Nature

It was an amazing convention. The following pages highlight the great events of the 2010 MASC State Convention held in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Although the MASC State Convention did not officially start until Saturday, April 10th, Grand Rapids rolled out the welcome wagon on Friday night. Complete with board games, cards, and snacks, the Friday night mixer was a great chance for students to interact with other students from across the state before the convention officially began. This was just the start of what turned out to be an unbelievable convention.

The Start of the Convention

The convention officially started on Saturday, April 10th. As students arrived at Grand Rapids High



School, they were greeted by a group of students ready to portage their luggage into the school and Ned, the official mascot of Northeast Division. Once inside the school, students felt as if they had entered the north woods. Canoes, fake campfires, and tents were set up all around the school and division rooms were decorated to fit the theme.

After checking in and receiving all of their convention information, students had the chance to meet the candidates running for office. They were able to get an idea about what the candidates

wanted to accomplish for MASC. Campaign materials were very unique, featuring hand-made buttons, t-shirts, guitar hero, and much more.

Once students were finished meeting the candidates, they attended the first division meeting. During the meeting, students decorated their division flags, practiced their cheers, and selected the people they wanted to represent them in the division immunity challenges. It was the first chance that students were given the chance to bond within their divisions.

First General Council

During the first general council, the current executive committee was introduced and the parade of division flags followed. The highlight of the first general council was the speeches by the 2010-2011 officer candidates. Each candidate did a tremendous job explaining their goals and for MASC and how they were a good candidate for their position. In all, there were 11 people who ran for an executive position, including 2 for president, 7 for vice-president, and 2 for secretary. Once the speeches were concluded, the delegation took a short break before returning for the Second General Council.



Dum-Dum-Dada

"This was a game/song that students participated in while Bob Tryanski, the keynote speaker, led the way"

Second General Council

Bob Tryanski was the keynote speaker of the Second General Council. He encouraged students to focus on what they wanted to accomplish in life in his address, "I Have A Dream, Too!" It was an empowering message that left each student feeling ready to handle the challenges that they faced in their own lives.

The session concluded with the candidate forum. This was an opportunity for the delegates to learn more about each candidate's personality and leadership style. Each candidate received 3 questions regarding leadership traits or skills and 1 question about their personality. Questions, such as "If you were a type of breakfast cereal, what kind would you be and why?", prompted many great responses and were unique to each candidate's personality. It was a great chance for students to relate to each candidate. Finally, after a couple of announcements by convention co-coordinators Ian and Gabby, the Second General Council was adjourned.

Host Family Experience

One of the most unique aspects of the MASC State Convention is that delegates do not stay in a hotel, but actually stay with host families in the community. It can be a little frightening or weird to think that you are going to stay in another person's house whom you don't even know. However, the host family experience is one of the best parts of the convention. It gives students the opportunity to really interact with people from other schools and form lasting friendships.

Bonfire Activity Night

After eating with their host families, delegates returned to Grand Rapids High School for the bonfire activity night. The events started with immunity challenges between divisions. Dodgeball, charades, tug-o-war, and trivia were a few of the games that divisions competed head-to-head in for the chance to become the ultimate survivor. "It really helped with division unity and making them work together," remarked students afterward.

After the end of the activities, delegates were

treated to a true camping experience. Campfires had been set up and students crowded around them, socializing and making s'mores. If students were not outside enjoying the perfect weather and campfires, then they were dancing inside the commons. The DJ was great and students had a great time showing off their best dance moves. Before they knew it, it was time for the delegates to head back to their host families and turn in after a long day.



Students making s'mores at the campfires



Idea Sharing and Hot Topics



The second day of the convention started with roundtable discussions. Students were able to attend four roundtable discussions that varied in topics ranging from how to set up a homecoming parade to improving council communication. It was a great way to exchange ideas with other students from across the state. "I got a lot of good ideas that I'm excited to share with my council once I get back," exclaimed Gillian Needham from Medford.

The main issue of business that was conducted during the convention was the debate of hot topics. Hot topics were the issues or concerns that students felt were important to the schools in the state. The goal of hot topics is to bring forth issues of student concern and then forward the stance on the issues to all MASC member schools if the topic passes. There were a total of 18 hot topics that were sent to the state convention this year. The new form of hot topic debate was very efficient and allowed more hot topics to be discussed and voted upon.

Some hot topics that were discussed were reducing MSHSL activity fees, weighted grades, use of social networking sites when investigating violations of MSHSL rules, and the use of electronics during school hours. Once all of the remaining hot topics are considered by the executive committee, they will be sent out to all MASC member schools in order to inform them about what policies students think are important.

Keynote Speaker and Activities

Our keynote speaker for the second general session was Keith Hawkins, one of America's top professional youth speakers. In his speech to the delegation, Keith encouraged everyone to push through tough times and be the best they can be. With his "magic" vase, Keith bewildered everyone as he explained that "there is ALWAYS something left." His message inspired everyone and left a lasting impression on the delegation's thoughts about student council and leadership.

Another highlight from the second day of the convention was the breakout group activities. Students were divided into three groups which then rotated through a cycle of activities. One of the group activities included an assortment of leadership activities and competitions led by Orono advisor, Doug Erickson. Another session was led by the Mankato State University-Mankato Adventure Education Program. Students were faced with a variety of challenges, such as standing up together while holding a rope, and learned valuable lessons in communication, teamwork, and decision making. The final breakout session featured a video about the state service project, "Support Our Survivors". The video was created using the multimedia presentations that each school submitted. The video was a great way to see the efforts that student councils put forth and capped off a great year of service.



Delegate Banquet



The main event of the evening was the Delegate/Advisor Semi-Formal Banquet, which was held at the Timberlake Event Center. The evening started out with a fantastic meal prepared by the Timberlake staff. The evening then proceeded with the awards portion of the banquet. The recipient of the Administrator of the Year Award was Brenda Steve from Sartell High School. The recipients of the MASC scholarships were Kyle Schulte of BOLD High School and Alyssa Temte of Rosemount High School. The Ardis Kyker Scholarship Award winners were Alexandra Kopel from Morris Area High School and Molly Reger from Rogers High School.

After the conclusion of the awards ceremony, the delegate dance began. "3 words: best time ever," remarked Kyle Schulte, a delegate from BOLD High School. It was an absolute blast! Students danced their hearts out and before they knew it the night was over. It was a bittersweet moment for the executive board, who knew that the end of the dance meant their time at MASC was almost up. However, Day 2 of the convention was a huge success and was considered the high point of the conference by a majority of the delegates.

2010 State Student Council Award Winners

Student Council Officer of the Year

Peter Goelz- Orono High School
Zach Prebeck- Hibbing High School

Advisor of the Year

Capital- Catherine Ford (Simley High School)
Central- Karrie Frederickson (Sartell High School)
Eastern- Andrew Berklund (Becker High School)
Hennepin- Derek Emery (Minneapolis City Wide)
Northeast- Rachel Amdahl (Falls High School)
Northwest- Patty Johnson & Beth Kucera (Grygla High School)
South Central- Jeff Bertrang (GFW High School)
Southeast- Kim Swanson (Triton High School)
Southwest- Todd Griepentrog (Minneota High School)
Western- Peg Rinkenberger (Morris Area High School)

MASC Outstanding Student Council

Mounds View High School
Orono High School
Prior Lake High School
White Bear Lake High School

MASCA- Student Council of the Year

Benson High School
Cherry High School
Henry Sibley High School
Morris Area High School
Roosevelt Senior High School

Warren E. Shull Award

Michael Coty- Mounds View High School

Ardis A. Kyker Scholarship

Alexandra Kopel- Morris Area High School
Molly Reger- Rogers High School

MASC Scholarship

Kyle Schulte- BOLD High School
Alyssa Temte- Rosemount High School

Dale Hawley/Officer Awards

President- Kristen Emmons (Mounds View High School)
Vice-President- Zachary Keller (Medford High School)
Secretary- Cari Browne (Orono High School)
Convention Co-Coordinator- Gabby Menges (Grand Rapids High School)
Convention Co-Coordinator- Ian Godfrey (Grand Rapids High School)
Convention Advisor- Brad Hyduke (Grand Rapids High School)
Host School- Grand Rapids High School

2010 Candidate Elections Results

President- Emma Hellevik (Medford High School)
Vice-President- Jonathan Melgaard (Detroit Lakes High School)
Secretary- Sophia Sodhi (Orono High School)



Incoming Executive Committee

Megan Parks (Convention Co-Coordinator), Emma Hellevik (President), Jonathan Melgaard (Vice-President), Sophia Sodhi (Secretary) & Jana Stewart (Convention Co-Coordinator)

Important Reminders and Information

- The 2010 NASC National Convention, "Start the Engines of Leadership", is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 26th-29th
- Get ready to rock at the 2011 State Convention, "Leadership Jam", which will be hosted by Walker High School
- The Idea Share is still available for use on the MASC website. Please go to http://www.massp.org/best/masc_post.php and post your ideas that work
- The Summer Leadership Academy will be held at Gustavus Adolphus College on July 20th - 22nd, 2010. Register to be a part of this amazing conference today

President's Farewell

The final address to the members of student councils across the entire state of Minnesota from your current Minnesota Association of Student Councils President, Kristen Emmons.

Wait, it's over? I was told that this year would fly, but I did not expect it to go at warp speed. I went over each and every event and memory. The people that I met and the experiences I have been through. I kept remembering my campaign and how nervous I was trying to explain my passion and goals for student council.

"Just like M&M's, we may have different school colors, but on the inside we all have great ideas and share the same big goal of making student councils of all sizes, fun-sized or party bag, the best they can be." I am lucky to have experienced first hand, how true this statement is.

As student council members, we have a shared bond that is unexplainable.

Cherish this unique bond because it can not be found anywhere else. We are lucky to have such a great MASC program that allows schools like yours and mine from around the state to meet and work together to make a difference for Minnesota.

Think of all that we have accomplished. We met people from all across the state and formed relationships that will last a lifetime. We shared ideas that sparked new energy at schools. All the while, we had a crazy fun time while doing it.

I encourage all the underclassmen to attend as many student council events as you can because before you know it, the opportunity will be gone. To all those that are moving on from high school, I think

we all can agree that student council has been a staple in our high school careers. Be satisfied with this chapter of your life and turn the page, so you can chase your dreams and live what you love.

I will miss the atmosphere that we so easily take for granted. Thank you for giving me this opportunity I wish everyone good luck in their journeys on council; embrace it while it is here. As our council at Mounds View says, "No excuses, play like a champion."

Thank you for a year that I will never forget, good luck to next year's board, and one last time, "CAN I GET A MINNESOTA HOLLA?"

MASC President
-Kristen Emmons

Closing Statement

This concludes our final edition of this year's newsletter. I hope you it has helped you stay informed about the events of MASC and given you new ideas that you can use in your school. I hope that you all enjoyed reading it and will keep encouraging others to read it as well.

The conclusion of the final newsletter also concludes the end of my term as MASC Vice-President. I will miss the people I've met, the friends I've made, the conferences, the conventions, and everything else about it. Thank you for this amazing opportunity to serve as your current MASC Vice-President. I would also like to congratulate the new executive council members on their election and hope they have a great time at MASC. Finally, I wish all of you luck in your future endeavors.

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter or have an article or idea that you would like to see in the newsletter, feel free to contact me at zkeller@myclearwave.net

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Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!!

Outgoing Executive Board

- Kristen Emmons — President**
- Zachary Keller — Vice-President**
- Cari Browne — Secretary**
- Gabrielle Menges — Convention Co-Coordinator**
- Ian Godfrey — Convention Co-Coordinator**



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