

MASC E-Newsletter

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Spanier Speaks

Hello everyone! Your State Exec. Board and Division Presidents recently had a meeting at the St. Cloud Holiday Inn on October 14. One of the discussions was upcoming division meetings. The dates of the Division meetings are listed below:

Capital - Oct 30
Hennepin - Nov 14
Central - Oct 24
Eastern - Oct 29
Northeast - Oct 24
Northwest - Oct 24
South Central - Nov 8
Southeast - Nov 5
Southwest - Dec 17
Western - Early December

By the time you read this, some meetings may have already taken place, but for those of you still planning, check out the “Central Division Conference” article for some tips.

Another point of discussions was the Hot Topics. Division Presidents felt particularly passionate about five of the Hot Topics and we are working together to make them less vague and less contradictory.

We also discussed the Go Green service project with the Presidents. Information to make your school more environmentally friendly is endless, and we will get you those resources soon. We are currently trying to add links to the web site regarding the service project.

Some other quick reminders:

- * If you know of a school student council that is not receiving this newsletter, please let us know.
- * All high school student council members in 11th grade or younger interested in attending the National Conference, more information will be coming soon, so watch out for it. The Minnesota Delegation will be traveling to Northwest High School in Texas this summer via plane. The dates are June 24 – 29th. The National Conference is a great experience, and I HIGHLY recommend attending.
- * Lastly, if your school is interested in hosting the state convention for the year 2009, your advisor should be receiving an application packet soon.

Adam Spanier
MASC President

Presidents' Forum

The Presidents' Forum 2007 was a successful and enjoyable event with record setting amounts of students and hilarious speaker Bob Tryanski. Many of the attendees stayed over night at the Holiday Inn hotel in St. Cloud which had a large assortment of entertaining activities from volleyball courts to arcade games to multiple swimming pools. It was a good opportunity for people from different schools to meet each other outside of meetings and official events. The Forum started off with an Executive Board and Division President meeting at the hotel on Sunday evening. It was a very informative meeting with most of the division presidents. We talked more about the Hot Topics and we had the opportunity to discuss upcoming division meetings.

The following morning everyone met at Sartell High School for registration and breakfast. This year's Presidents' Forum was extremely successful with a high of 215 students registered. Everyone moved into the auditorium, and after an introduction to the MASC and the MAHS Executive Committees, Bob Tryanski (who was also a speaker at NASC 2006 in Pennsylvania) spoke for a couple of hours before lunch. He started in the auditorium, and then everyone moved into the gym where we split into groups of ten for some games and small-group discussion. Sartell provided the students with a great taco bar for lunch, and afterwards, everyone returned to the gym.

Upon our return, Bob Tryanski had another activity for us and we were split into our groups again. The activity was to see how many drops of water we could fit onto a penny, and it turned out to be quite interesting. Each group predicted an amount of drops they thought could fit on a penny and then tried it. The results of the test trial were very similar to the estimates, so he told us to try again but with much larger estimates and every

group got more drops into the penny than the first time because they were determined to make the change. We then watched a short video about engineers who were designing a new grocery cart. The purpose behind watching the video was to get us thinking more innovatively; which was the main focus for the afternoon session that he presented.

Bob Tryanski finished speaking for the day, and then we split into Student Council and National Honor Society. As a student council, we had a short meeting where the Executive Board introduced and discussed the state service project, what is going on in Division meetings, new ideas for Division meetings and finished with general idea sharing.

A special thanks to Sartell High School for hosting this great event! ☺

Kelly Baldwin-Apple
MASC Secretary

GO GREEN!

Our State Service Project for 2007-2008, GO GREEN, has officially kicked off! At the Presidents' Forum, we shared our visions for the project with the MASC delegates who attended. Flyers were handed out, questions were asked (and hopefully all answered), and GO GREEN began! We are working on getting the actual flyer up on the website so please be watching for that. Also, updates will be coming your way after the Executive Board meets in mid-November. I really hope that the presidents who attended the forum in Sartell shared the GO GREEN flyer and explained a little to their Student Council back home what our State Service Project is this year. I realize that Rome wasn't built in a day, but the Executive Board really hopes that we as MASC, can each take small steps to make one huge step towards achieving progress in this State Service project...for the environment, for MASC and our state. Go clean up highways and community parks, utilize reusable grocery bags for your family, change a light bulb in your house to a more energy efficient one, or plant a tree! Good luck! And please let us know if you have any comments, questions, or concerns about GO GREEN.

Lauren Cochlin
MASC Vice-President

2008 MASC State Convention Update

Hey guys! This is Chris Sanders and Kim Homan, your MASC State Convention Co-Coordinator. We are working very hard at making this State

Convention the best. Right now we are getting ready to start our housing drive, so all of you will have a place to stay in Marshall. We are really looking forward to the event, and are very excited to see you on April 12th!

Chris Sanders and Kim Homan
MASC State Convention Co-Coordinator

Advisor's Column

I hope that you all made it through a successful, fun Homecoming Week and already onto planning your next big event! Over 200 students from across the state attended the MASC Presidents Forum at Sartell HS on October 16 and spent the morning getting some great new ideas from Bob Tryanski. For those that did not get to attend this event, I encourage you to check out Bob's website at www.bobtryanski.com. Bob has a great message about reaching the "Silent Majority" in your school. He asks you to realize that the majority of the students in your school are not involved in activities and athletics like the students you typically find on your council. Bob suggests you look at your yearly activities and find out what you do to help make this silent majority feel connected. The challenge of leadership is learning how to reach out to ALL the members of your school community. Remember that MASC is here to help you with this challenge! There are opportunities to get together and idea-share with other MN councils by attending your fall Division meeting, or a One-day Leadership workshop. Talk to your advisor or check out the MASC website to find out specific information about your Division or other available workshops. Or, you are free to contact me with questions at sue.iverson@wayzata.k12.mn.us. Take the challenge and make a point to try to make all the students at your school feel connected.

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