

**Michigan Association of Teacher Educators  
Minutes – October 10, 2008  
Grand Valley State University**

**Attendance** Sandy Alber, Virginia Harder, Ilene Ingram, Elizabeth Johnson, Motria Kraus, Tim Larrabee, Carolyn Logan, Kathy Walsh, Olivia Williams, Wanda Spalteholz

The meeting was called to order by Tim Larrabee at 2:00 p.m. Board members introduced themselves.

Elizabeth Johnson moved and Kathy Walsh seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Virginia Harder moved and Olivia Williams seconded that the minutes from the September 2008 meeting be approved as corrected.

Moved by Harder and seconded by Walsh that the retreat minutes from September 2008 be approved as corrected.

There were no announcements or Treasurer's reports.

**Old Business:**

2008-2009 Board meeting schedule was reviewed.

ATE web link was discussed. Larrabee will discuss with Tara. Harder suggested that Michael McVey may be able to put MATE on Facebook.

**New Business:**

**Membership recruitment and retention:**

Harder shared a handout on strategies for recruitment and retention. She began the nomination campaign at the meeting. It was suggested that young teachers needed resources that MATE might be able to offer. A brief discussion about short term service on committees was held. Larrabee asked for suggestions for the MATE brochure.

**Student Teacher Conference:**

Walsh will chair the spring student teacher conference. Moved by Alber, seconded by Harder that the conference be held at Madonna University on March 14, 2009 if the space is available. Alber will share materials from past conferences with Walsh.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

ATE delegates/liaison- Larrabee appointed Alber to serve at ATE liaison.

Student Teacher/Intern of the Year- Applications is on the web.

Journal – Moved by Walsh, Seconded by Harder that the name of the journal be changed to *Issues in Education: Preschool through Graduate School*. Motion carried. A discussion for suggestions for the journal was held with the following recommendations made.

Add MATE position statement, mission statement, calendar, & conference information.

Have a thematic issue and focus on Social Justice.

Need to plan backward from deadlines.

Watch the higher education jargon.

The newsletter is the place for dialogue. It can have short articles.

Address pre-k to secondary education as well as higher education.

Provide resources that pk-12 teachers can use.

Include board member names and email contacts in back of journal

Have featured article(s) on social justice.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m. to assist with conference preparations.

The next meeting will be at Madonna University on November 21, 2008 at 10 a.m. Bess Kypros will host.