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Le Club Calumet

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1. Association Business

- a. Welcome – Introductions
- b. Approval of Minutes, March 2, 2018 – Motion & Second - Approved
- c. Approval of Treasurer's Report – Motion & Second - Approved
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Tri-State Committee – May 23 – 25, 2018. Hotel is sold out.
 - ii. PD/Certification – Cathy Messmer has a list of which Tri-State workshops will qualify for certification – this list will be emailed to membership. Renewal certificates were handed out to Deb Roberts & Scott Vaitones.
 - iii. Technology update – not much new, but there will be a brief update on the website at the end of the meeting today.
- e. Approval of Officers & Committee Members for FY 19 – new officers were introduced – Motion & Second to approve officers for FY19.
- f. Dave Holden Award – FY17 recipient Cathy Messmer introduced the FY18 award winner – Luci Milewski.
- g. Other Business - None

2. Vendor Spotlight – Kayla Kunath, Energy Management Consultants, Inc. – no representative present.

3. MEABT Rating Process & Interpreting Your MLR Reports

Jennifer Kent, MEA Benefits Trust – a powerpoint handout was presented and will be posted to MeASBO website. Loss ratios report include all members including retirees (both Medicare & non-Medicare). There is also a report for high claims – over \$50,000. Explained the difference between Community Rated (50 or fewer employees) and Experience Rated (51 or more employees), and how some districts could change from one to another. MEABT negotiates with Anthem on the rate increase based on different components. Once the increase is negotiated, then MEABT “buys down” some of the increase (this year the buy down was a little over \$8,000,000 from their reserves). The MEABT Trustees vote in March on the overall increase, the buy down, community rate, and rate range for experience rated school districts. Once this vote is taken the Anthem underwriting process begins. MEABT has just done an RFI for insurance, which is the first time in a very long time, which was sent out to five insurers and received three responses. Upon review of the RFI information, it was determined that the MEABT relationship with Anthem showed we were receiving favorable rates from Anthem as compared to the other insurance companies that responded. Explained how a high cost claim is capped at \$150,000 to recalculate the district loss

ratio when setting the rate increase for that district. MEABT can do district specific presentations on how their insurance rates are calculated.

4. **Legislative Update** – Vicki Wallack, MSMA - Legislature left Augusta without passing Part C Language General Purpose Aid (1869). Legislature is coming back into session next Wednesday, but only to do vetoes. Would need to vote to have a special session in order for legislature to come back into working session. PBE/diploma bill has several options and has been tabled. CTE funding bill technically is passed but is part of the larger budget bill. Things that may not pass are: School Based Health Centers; transfer of CDS 3-5 year olds to schools; LD40 to mandate that we test for lead in water in schools; guns in schools was defeated but it may be back; security in schools to be funded in revolving renovation funds (but there are no funds in RRV); several bonds proposed but none of them have moved - university system was told they would get some additional funds but not sure if that will go anywhere & CTE equipment. Certification has finally had Part 1 of the bill (Ed Tech I, II, III and substitutes), but there is still more to be worked on, especially with special education teachers. Discussed special education costs & funding and maintenance of effort (which has an equity issue). There will be a link posted to the MeASBO website to show a DOE spreadsheet on maintenance of effort. LD1689 on system administration which was passed but is “on the table” for funding, this could totally change in the FY20 state funding based on who is elected. Tax conformity is a huge political bill that has to pass in some form. Medicaid expansion is another huge bill that is being worked on, when this is passed there will be an issue between GPA & Medicaid.
5. **Risks in Our Schools** – Ed Antz, MSMA – used a powerpoint presentation which will be posted to MeASBO website – Recommends a cultural change in schools, some with a cost and some without. Risk of nationwide death at school is: 40% transportation (bus, pedestrian, hit by vehicle on school grounds), 33% homicides, 9% suicides, various 8%, active shooter 4%.
6. **Walk-through the MeASBO Website** – Luci Milewski – Luci gave a tour through the new MeASBO website.

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