



Member Benefit Summary

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Member Benefit Details:

✓ *Professional Development and Peer/Vendor Networking:*

- Quarterly in person meetings at various locations across the state featuring presentations from school finance and operations professionals from state agencies, audit firms, MePERS, banking experts, facility management experts, and more. In person meetings also provide the opportunity to network with peers and vendors for information gathering. Currently, meetings are scheduled from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM with lunch provided as an additional benefit of membership. Meetings in 2023-2024 were held in Augusta, Lewiston, Rockland, and Bangor. The 2024-2025 meeting schedule with locations will be announced over the summer.
- Virtual Lunch N' Learn webinars featuring a variety of topics are held during the months in which there are no in person meetings. 2023-2024 Lunch N' Learn topics included: an overview of the Career and Technical Education funding formula, fiscal data security, MDOE's major capital construction program overview, and the Maine Department of Labor Paid Family and Medical Leave team.
- Annual Tri State conference for professional development and networking with peers from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont as well as many vendors which provide school business management products and services. There is an additional fee for attending this three-day conference.
- Annual law conference with Drummond Woodsum which provides in depth information regarding newly enacted legislation and its impact to school units. There is an additional fee for this day long conference.
- A self-directed, voluntary certification program.
- Regional group meetings.

✓ *Information Sharing:*

- Access to the MeASBO website which includes a calendar of events from MeASBO and other organizations, professional development content, quarterly meeting videos and handouts, Lunch N' Learn recordings, legislative information, sample documents, resource links, and more.
- MeASBO membership virtual communication services of a list serve and a topic specific "forum" menu, both designed for members to ask questions of one another and to receive notifications from MeASBO leadership regarding "hot topics" such as legislative hearings.
- Receipt of a monthly newsletter.
- Ability to ask questions and bring issues to the attention of Maine's Department of Education via MeASBO's bi-monthly meetings with MDOE leadership.

✓ *Legislative Analysis*

- Analysis of proposed legislation for its impact on school units. Information on legislation is posted on the MeASBO website, updates are sent via the monthly newsletter, and notifications of legislative hearings and work sessions are sent via the list serve.

Organization Summary:

The Maine Association of School Business Officials is a 501 (c) 3 corporation, represented by a nine member board of directors which consists of school business managers from across the state. The organization includes three active committees covering Professional Development, Legislative Affairs, and the annual Tri State conference. The organization is supported by a part-time executive director which ensures timely information distribution to members and responses to inquiries.