



Maine Association of School Business Officials

Newsletter *for* July 2023

What's new

MeASBO welcomes Joanne Allen as Executive Director

Joanne Allen has been chosen as the Maine Association of School Business Officials' first Executive Director. This new position reflects the MeASBO Board's deep commitment to increase capacity for providing resources to support Maine school business officials.



As many MeASBO members know, Joanne comes to the association following 22 years with the Maine Department of Education, where she served most recently as the Director of School Finance and Operations, providing policy and operational leadership to the School Finance and Compliance, Data, and Child Nutrition Teams. Joanne is an alumnus of Thomas College, holding a Master's of Business Administration from that institution.

Joanne's work will focus on expanding professional development opportunities and communication for/with association members (to include regular editions of this newsletter), providing legislative analysis of bills impacting the work of school business officials, and "other duties as assigned" by the MeASBO Board of Directors.

Joanne may be reached via the MeASBO email address: maineasbo@gmail.com

Tri State Recap

May's 31st annual Tri State Conference was a fun and educational event, as always! Attendees were able to take advantage of a variety of professional development sessions. Session materials may be found here:



[2023 Tri-state ASBO Conference Presentations](#)

*Tri-State Association
of School Business Officials*

In addition, each State hosted a breakout session to discuss hot topics with business managers. This was a very informative discussion, with Maine attendees indicating a need for more professional learning/best practice sharing around the topics of procurement, grant management, and policies and procedures for optimal business office operations. There is also great interest in training for business office staff and collaboration among regional groups of business managers. MeASBO leadership will be taking all of the discussion from that breakout session into consideration as next year's meetings are organized and other opportunities for professional learning are created.

We're sorry

Our sincere apologies for the 2023-2024 membership dues billing that was sent out in error during early June. An updated invoice will be sent later this summer; we are very sorry for the inconvenience.

Where's my mail?

Joanne is working on an update of Mambo's membership database. If you are an active member and are not receiving email or snail mail communications, or, if your office is receiving these communications for someone who is no longer on your staff, please notify [Joanne](#).

Upcoming Events

Summer Data Training Available

The Maine DOE Data Team is will be providing in person training sessions during August. All of the trainings will be held from 8:30 am – 12 pm and topics will include: new resources from the Helpdesk, staff reporting tools, and Synergy error logs.

Training locations and dates are:

August 3rd: Presque Isle

August 14th: Ellsworth

August 15th: Eastport

August 16th: Union

August 17th: Auburn

August 21st: Biddeford

August 22nd: Norridgewock

August 23rd: Corinth

Registration and more information are available at this link:

[MDOE Summer Training Registration](#)

Additional MDOE training opportunities may be found here:

[MDOE Training and Event Calendar](#)

MSMA Fall Conference

The 50th Annual MSMA Fall Conference will be held in-person on Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27, 2023, at the Augusta Civic Center. The conference theme is: Maine Public Schools – They Connect Us! This two-day education leadership development conference will feature speakers, product and service vendors, and 60 clinics on a variety of educational topics. The conference will offer you an opportunity to connect with an array of school leaders looking for the latest education practices, products, publications, technologies, and services for use in their buildings, board meetings, classrooms, and offices.

Please note: MSMA is hoping to include finance/school business management presentations for superintendents and school business management personnel. If you are interested in presenting a topic, please reach out to [Joanne](#) and she will assist you in submitting your suggestion for content. Submissions must reach MSMA by July 28 and conference committee will be making topic decisions in early August.

Reminders

MeASBO website

Enjoy quick access to all website information via the QR code. Joanne will be working to update the website over the next few months.



MeASBO Forums

Need some help solving a problem or looking for some advice on making a new purchase? Remember the MeASBO forums. Found under the “Member Center” heading at measbo.org, the forums are a great place to interact with other business managers to receive answers to your questions. You can also view questions previously asked, and responses.

MDOE Communication

State reporting season is upon us and MDOE will be posting reminders and updates regarding all the data necessary to create the 2024-2025 ED 279. If you aren't subscribed to the MDOE Newsroom and receiving these updates, [subscribe here](#)



In the next newsletter

2023-2024 MeASBO meeting schedule

Summary of 131st Legislature, 1st session enacted legislation impacting school business officials

Have a topic that you would like to see covered in a future newsletter? Reach out to [Joanne](#).