

GOVERNMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE
Year End Report
May 2009

The committee had four members: Greg Troska, Chair, Jennifer Lewerke, Anna Gusovsky, and JR Hunt.

Our first meeting was on July 15 at the MN School of business Richfield Campus. Subsequent meetings were held in September, October, November, and January. The March meeting was held through a conference call.

The committee set a schedule of articles to publish each month in the MAFAA Matters Newsletter.

Articles published:

1. Two articles published about the legislative process and how to contact the legislators on both federal and state and current issues by Jennifer Lewerke.
2. One article on the National Conversation Initiative published by, Jennifer Lewerke.
3. Three articles published about TRIO by Anna Gusovsky.
4. Three articles published on the Reauthorization Act by JR Hunt.

Rubin Latz , Vocational Rehab MN Department of Economic Security, contacted me July 11th about the 1994 Memorandum of Understanding between them and MAFAA. He would like to have MAFAA review the Memo. The Government Issues Committee reviewed it at the July 15 meeting.

Rubin reviewed new language for the “Memorandum of Understanding Coordination of Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities”

At our October 30, 2008 meeting we reviewed the final draft of the revised “Memorandum of Understanding Coordination of Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities” with Rubin Latz.

The consensus of the committee was to present it to the next Executive Council at Fall Conference. It was then forwarded to Vice President Michelle Ahdernt for distribution at the next Executive Council meeting

After further review by the Executive Council it was tabled.

Respectfully submitted:

Greg Troska
Chair Government Issues Committee