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Membership News

Are you looking for the new Election Manual? The 2006 Election Manual will be posted on our web site soon.

MASBO is offering many great workshops this spring; take a look at the Calendar of Events. You will find further information and registration forms on the home page of the MASBO web site www.masbo.com

2006 ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE...The MASBO Summer Conference is just around the corner. Registration will be available in the near Future!

2006 Board Meeting Summary

The MASBO Board met in Helena in January to begin the arduous task of planning the summer conference and extra activities. The Theme for the conference is Survivors – Ordinary People Performing Extraordinary Work! The workshops and some activities will revolve around the TV show with the same title. The board also chose a new membership pin that was designed by

Sandra Lane. During the meeting the board also set the member and nonmember fees for workshops and conferences, approved MASBO to do a survey of business office salaries and benefits, approved of a by-law vote at the conference that would eliminate the Liaisons to the board from the County Superintendents' and the County Treasurers' Associations. If you have any questions on any of this, please contact MASBO or one of the MASBO board members.

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Silent Auction Items Requested

The silent auction is for financial assistance to one or more of our members who have had their lives impacted severely because of their or their families illness. All money is given out, nothing remains with the MASBO organization. Get your creative hat on and bring something for the auction. The auction will be held Wednesday night so bring the item(s) and give them to the MASBO registration table when you check in for the conference. This turned out to be really fun last year.

MASBO helping MASBO



This year's recipients will be Julia Lillethun from the Yellowstone County Superintendent's Office and Robyn Dietz, clerk from the Eastern Yellowstone Coop. Each has had extraordinary medical costs for themselves and their families.

ASBO International Conference 2006

The ASBO conference will be held October 13th through the 16th in Pittsburgh, PA. MASBO has a block of rooms that must be filled or turned back to the Hotel by April 15. Rooms not released will be charged to the organization. Currently we have 7 rooms spoken for and would love to fill the others. Get involved with ASBO – it is a great conference and great organization. Call the MASBO office today if you wish to get your name on one or more of the 12 rooms blocked.

The information contained herein is offered on an informational basis; always seek competent professional advice/ council regarding specific questions. Mention of a product or service is not an endorsement.

Merger Announced

FedEx and UPS will be merging this summer. The new company will be referred to as FedUP



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Calendar of Events

**March 13 – School Budget Workshop
(Missoula – Grant Creek Inn)**

**March 20 – School Budget Workshop
(Billings – MSU Billings)**

**March 24 – Region 4 Workshop (Butte –
Best Western)**

**March 27 – School Budget Workshop (Great
Falls – Great Falls College of Technology)**

**March 28 – Region 6 Workshop (Miles City –
Miles City Community College)**

**March 29 – Region 5 Workshop (Billings –
Rocky Mountain College)**

**April 3-5 – New Clerks Workshop (Helena –
Jorgenson’s)**

**April 14 – Region 3 Workshop (Sidney – Elk
Lodge)**

**June 14-16 – Annual Summer Conference
(Great Falls – Herritage Inn)**

**October 13-16 – ASBO’s 92nd Annual
Meeting and Exhibits in Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania**

**October 18-20 - MCEL Conference in
Billings**

The Montana Association of School Business Officials would like to offer our deepest sympathies and regrets to Shirley Grimsrud of Nashua Schools who lost her husband early in February.

Don D. Grimsrud

Nashua – Air force veteran and Wolf Point native Don D. Grimsrud, 75, of Nashua, a farmer who enjoyed playing canasta and watching birds, died of complications from cancer at a Glasgow hospital.

Survivors are his wife, Shirley Grimsrud of Nashua; a son; Ron Grimsrud of Huntley; a daughter, Lori Grimsrud of Nashua; brothers Larry Grimsrud of Jordan and Wayne Grimsrud of Culbertson; a sister, Joann Martens of Billings five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Trace Grimsrud in 2001.

How Can I Disable the Error Reporting Feature in Windows XP or Windows Server 2003

If I only had a buck for every time software crashed on my PC and that little popup arrived at the funeral: "X program ended unexpectedly. Do you want to send an error report to Microsoft?" Usually I mutter unrepeatable things under my breath and click "Don't Send."

But there's a simple way to permanently turn off that annoying salt-in-the-wound prompt: from the Advanced tab of the System dialog box in Control Panel, check off the "Disable Error Reporting" radio button. Oh, you sneaky Windows with your radio buttons tucked away deep in tabbed dialog boxes, you slay me, But often not in a good way.

One of the new features of Windows XP and in Windows Server 2003 is the error reporting feature that offers to send diagnostic information to Microsoft whenever an application or part of the system crashes. There are a number of reasons why you may want to reduce or turn this feature off, particularly if your computer is not connected to the Internet.

You can choose to disable the reporting completely, or you can limit it to just the operating

system errors or, just errors from certain programs of your choosing.

To turn off the Error Reporting feature in Windows XP/2003 do the following:

1. Go to Control Panel.
2. Click System.
3. Go to the Advanced tab.
4. Click Error Reporting.
5. Click the "Disable Error Reporting" radio box, but select the "But notify me when Critical Errors Occur".

Source: LifeHacker

GARNISHMENT DEDUCTION FORMULA

Garnishments and figuring the amount to withhold can be easily figured by using the following 2 part formula shown below. Garnishments may require different amounts not to be exceeded. Case in point, I received a Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program garnishment. They require a payment not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the debtor's disposable pay for each pay period, or the amount permitted by 15 U.S.C. 1673, whichever is less. Other garnishments may require an amount not to exceed 25 percent (25%) or the amount permitted by 15 U.S.C 1673 whichever is less. Be aware that these amounts can be different. **Specific restrictions** for court order child support and alimony allows up to 50 percent (50%)

of a workers disposable income, so be very wary of these garnishments.

The amount of pay subject to garnishment is based on an employee's disposable income, which is the amount left after required deductions are deducted.

Here is how to figure a garnishment for Montana Guaranteed School Loan program not to exceed 10% of disposable earnings or the amount permitted by 15 U.S.C 1673.

Formula: Part 1 of 2 (NOT TO EXCEED 10%)

1. Gross pay less required deductions = Disposable Earnings.

Gross Pay.....	\$2,500.00	Monthly payroll
A. Social Security (.124)	-\$310.00	
B. Medicare (.029)	-\$72.50	
C. Federal Withholding	-\$213.00	(depends on employee status)
D. State Withholding	-\$112.00	
E. TRS/PERS	-\$178.75	(TRS)

NOTE: Insurance premiums, Flex deductions, union dues, annuities are not included because that is optional for the employee.

Disposable Earnings \$1,613.75

\$161.38 (10% of disposable income)

WAIT....You are not done...need to figure the 15 U.S.C. 1673 amount.

1. Disposable Earnings.....\$1,613.75

- Exempt amount - \$669.50 (monthly payroll)
(They provide these amounts:)
 - 154.50 if weekly payroll
 - 309.00 if bi-weekly payroll
 - 334.75 if semi-monthly payroll
 - 669.50 if monthly payroll.

- Garnishment amount for 15 USC 1673 **\$508.12**

Garnishment would be \$161.38 because it is the lesser of the two amounts.

Provided by Evelyn Mull, District Clerk, Beaverhead County High School.

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