

April 6, 2011
State Meeting at NEOA Annual Conference

-41 People attending

-Elections- there is now a timeline on Google Docs that has the official time line on it.

-Karen Keim- Fair Share Update- Please contribute to COE

'08-'09= 50 members participated

'09-'10- 40 members participated, but there was \$2,000 more given

-10 for 10 personal contribution form or "other contribution" form

-If participants contribute while at the conference, names go in a raffle.

Laurie Davis-

Special election to elect Jess as president elect from now until September 11.

-As of Sept. 12:

President- Jess Berry

President Elect- Shawn Graham

Past President- Dorrea Fellman

Secretary- Elyse Pratt-Ronco

Treasurer- Angela Theriault

Conference Tri Chairs- Alyssa West, Aubrey S. and Gail Minchello

Membership Chair- Shelly Cronkite

-Jess was elected as president elect from now until Sept. 11. Unanimous vote.

-The slate of officers was accepted unanimously.

-Conference for next year. Orono location worked well for people and date seemed like it was good.

-The date is really hard for EOC because of FAFSA completion.

-Maybe there could be another survey (Doodle) that could help select a time that would work better.

-New members wanted to know what planning the conference entails. Theresa described the process.

Policy Seminar- Jess and Laurie

-2 alums went. They were outstanding representations of our state.

-Response from the delegation was good. Saw everyone but Mike Michaud, but Laurie followed up with him at a breakfast.

-Collins remains a strong supporter, Snowe listened carefully and signed on after they left.

- COE would like us to say "TRIO" when we mention our programs to others, rather than just saying which program we are from. This way people will hear TRIO more.

Hall of Flags

-Went really well.

-Feedback was that people got to spend more time with their representatives than when they were in session.

Legislative Breakfasts

-Jess, Becky, and Laurie went to them.

-Education was not talked about at all, but Collins was asked a question about the Pell Grant. She talked about Upward Bound and TRIO programs by name in answering the question in front of many business people.

Budget- Angela

-Budget looks good.

-We are in the black.

-Please pay membership if you haven't.

-We have been donating \$1,000/year as an organization to COE. Are we going to do that again this year? Will Alan Parks dance for another \$400?

-At the next board meeting we will look at the budget and make a plan for next year.

-Angela will write the check ASAP.

Google Docs login: MEEOABoard

Password: College Access

-MaineCAN Glass Half Full Best Practices Conference

-May 20

-Free

-Nominate someone for a spotlight award: a practitioner or alum for the award. Nominations are available online www.MaineCAN.us

-Kim Jones stopped by to say thank you and congratulations.

TRIO Yearbook

-Thank you to the Bowdoin UB program for getting the TRIO yearbook.

-The work has already been done for next year. Ginny explained the process of creating (for the next person). Collecting the data is the hardest: numbers, successes, profiles from program (don't want to recycle from last year).

-The software is InDesign. It is easy to work with.

-Sarah and Anne have done a "kick ass" job with the conference. Standing Ovation!