

State Meeting

**April 4, 2012
Stowe, VT**

- Meeting run by Shawn Graham, President Elect
- Motion to accept the agenda (Alan Parks) and accepted.
- Motion to accept minutes (Steve Visco) and accepted.
- 21 people in attendance.

-Angela sent a Treasure's report

- \$3756 profit from conference in January. Expecting another \$500 still coming in.
- Still waiting for reimbursement from NEOA for Policy
- We've had two State Initiative grants for advocacy. The one at MEEOA did not work out, but we put the money toward Hall of Flags
- We are also going to be making some money from Alan Park's On Course workshop. MEEOA served as a fiscal agent for this event.
- Travel has been higher than in the past because of people spread across the state.
- We should be above \$2,000 for the year. We have talked about advocacy efforts with the surplus.

Past President report- Dori will be staying in TRiO and working with Bill Stone at UMA.

President Elect report

- Shawn went to the Leadership summit for two days before Policy Seminar.
 - Everything went well on the Hill. Meetings with Snowe, Collins, and Michaud was with aids.
 - Pingree and everyone else signed appropriations letters
- They are working on a join letter to Arne Duncan to address recent actions taken. Trying to get everyone to sign off on the same letter. Other states are trying to do the same thing.
- Shawn has a proposal to share with the membership to see what their interest in a Strategic Plan.
 - This is something that guides the board to have measurable goals to work toward in the next 3-5 years.
 - 4-5 people to form an ad hoc committee. Shawn talked with Casey already to get feedback from the membership around goals.
 - The committee can meet a few times and have a draft of a plan by the next MEEOA conference in January and then get feedback to revise for NEOA state meeting.
 - We need to spend time identifying where we want to go as an organization.
 - The committee doesn't have to necessarily be board members. Betty would like to participate, but she doesn't want to lead it.
 - Sara Henry said that it would make sense to have board representation because they are the ones who will be implementing it. Casey has offered to help with the process and consult.
 - Sara has the document from when this was approached before. It was very general and not like NEOA's. For example, the focus is on professional development vs. student development. There aren't necessarily measurable goals or benchmarks.
 - Shawn saw an example that had four goals. That simple.

- Shawn would like to get a survey developed and out by the end of June to solicit feedback from the membership.
- Lynn suggested using some of the conference time to create work groups and to actually put some time into the plan and the association.
- Shawn would like to see a draft by the time of the conference and then it could be given to the association in January
- At this point Betty and Alan have expressed an interest. Dave McGuire would like to serve but not chair.
- Shawn will be the chair of the committee. Which is most appropriate because he will have time with the board, etc.
- Shawn is going to send an email after the conference to see if there is any more interest from the members who are not here.

- Jess is not working in TRiO anymore, but she is going to stay on as past president.

Conference Committee

- We made a lot of money
- Over 75 people attended.
- USM created a binder and thumb drive to hand off to the next conference co-chairs
- Black Bear is interested in working with MEEOA again
- Alan pointed out that we have a conference in 7 months and no chairs at this point.

Alumni

- How to enroll alums in the COE and NEOA websites. When is the best time to do this? How can we help spread the word that participants are also alumni?
- Policy seminar alums- something at the conference? Could they do a workshop at MEEOA or just be recognized?
- Could we invite alums to the auction or parts of the conference?

Hall of Flags

- Betty has agreed to do it again
- Joanne Richards said this was the best Hall of Flags ever.
- Lynn said that there was an SSS student from UMF who got really excited and maybe there are other students who would also be able to help out.
- Margaret Irving has notes from Betty
- 7 programs attended, TRiO was recognized in the session
- Many people stopped by the table
- One thing that was missing was a “one-page” sheet with the facts about TRiO in Maine.

Membership

- 67 individual, 9 associate, 13 program
- \$1183 this year in membership
- We would still like to have people pay for their memberships
- Next year we want to be clear about associate memberships only being for students
- We want to increase membership for next year
- Margaret will be happy to do it again this year.

Elections

The current slate is:

President- Shawn Graham

President Elect- open

Past President- Jess Berry

Treasurer- Angela Theriault

Secretary- open

Membership- Margaret Irving

Conference Co-Chairs- open

Nominations none

Steve Visco moved to accept the slate as presented. Alan seconded.

Discussion- none

-All in favor

-Evette Layne stopped in to encourage people to run for NEOA offices. After seeing our slate, she left.

-Karen Keim said that we should be reaching out to other people in the state who aren't here that we miss them and wish they were here. We can't follow Rhode Island's lead because they are not represented on the NEOA board. She encourages everyone to call people and ask them.

-Steve said that when we had really good leadership, we had people who went to the Leadership the past we had money to send people to it and maybe we should look at that again so that more people can go and do it.

Fair Share

-Karen Keim wanted to thank those who gave to Fair Share.

-Maine has a good history of participation and we get a lot back. There are 4 people from COE here at this conference.

-We are not currently in first place. Every year we should increase how much we give.

-Last year we were first in the nation.

-This push ends June 30.

-The forms are online. You can do a 10 for 10 with regular payments.

-A single donation can also be made here checks can be made to "COE Fair Share"

-MEEOA gave \$1,000 again this year.

Other Business

-Alan wanted to thank the board and the membership for the On Course workshop. This is a MEEOA activity. There was a discount for members, which encouraged membership.

-Most of the people attending, so it probably isn't going to make a lot of money.

-The TRiO Yearbook is almost finished. Next year we will be sure to use TRiO people so it gets done on time.

-The NEOA Leadership Institute will be happening again this year. Shawn wants to look at how we can engage and pull people in.

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVE!

-Motion to adjourn Karen Keim, seconded by Steve Visco. Accepted by all.