

Maine Educational Opportunity Association
State Business Meeting
Four Points Sheraton, Bangor, ME
January 4, 2013
9:00am – 10:00am

Call to Order

Additions to the agenda: Arnold Mitchem Award and Fair Share report

Secretary's Report

Technical difficulties. People will review them by next Friday and send any corrections to Elyse.

Treasurer's Report

- 2012 was a profitable conference which helped our bottom line.
- We increased a lot of membership last year.
- The On Course conference was a great success last year and earned us about \$700.
- The Strategic Planning has been working on the 501c3/c4 status
- Auction revenue for last night was \$1893! Thank you, Ann.

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report: Darlyn Cote

Second: Steve Visco

All in favor

Conference Committee

- Dave and Alan's goal was to make the conference a doable process.
- 70 members paid registrants for the conference and 5 VIP registrations.
- More than \$1,000 below last year's costs for the conference.
- Thank you to all those who helped with the planning of the conference.

President's Report

- The executive committee met once a month either in person or through Poly Com.
- We have a new award – the Dr. Arnold Mitchem Award that will be awarded to Mitch at Policy Seminar this year and then give to other friends of MEOEA after that.
- State Initiative Grants
 - We've submitted two state initiative grants that were both aimed around funding for MELI. We haven't heard from them yet.
- Letters from MEOEA

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- 2 weeks ago we sent letters to Snowe, Collins, King, Pingree, and Michaud to thank them from their support and ask for their continued support during this time.
- Hall of Flags
 - March 25
 - Updates will be posted to the MEOA listserv.
- Policy Seminar
 - March 10-12
- Projects
 - MEOA Website updates
 - There is an updates section now
 - Links to information
 - Membership link has been improved.
 - Transition planning
 - Working on building a transition manual to help people who take on leadership positions.
 - There are now executive committee position descriptions online, so people can have more information and get involved.
 - Strategic planning
 - We had a plan in 2002 and the association decided that we should revisit it.
 - A committee of Alan Parks, Dave Megquier, Margaret Irving, and Shawn Graham worked on developing the plan
 - There were no comments given on the draft that was sent out before the holidays.
 - Shawn is going to resend it for comments so that people will have time to take a look at it.
 - There are six priorities with descriptions of who is responsible, etc.

President Elect Report

- We've had one alumni nomination for policy seminar. We are looking for one more.
- The form is on the MEOA website, under information and resources.

Past President Report

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- Nominations for exec board are coming up soon. All positions are open. It starts in September and goes for a whole year.
- Please get involved and let Jess know your interest.

Membership Chair

- We've increased membership significantly this year.
- There are some new additions to the membership section of the website (thanks, Casey!)
- The descriptions of the memberships are very clear now with the benefits, etc.
- Margaret welcomes any feedback that you have.
- We highly encourage program membership renewal.
- We have a total of 84 paid memberships this year!

Fair Share Update

- Think about giving the gift of a publication to someone who is a supporter on campus (this is a Fair Share contribution)
- We are very close (6 \$100 memberships away) from getting a free policy seminar registration
- NEOA is currently first in the nation
- Maine is first in the nation as well.
- Karen will mentor the person who comes in as Fair Share Chair
- Today we are at \$950 for Fair Share (from this conference)

Other Business

- Marty, Christy, and Elyse are going to work on alumni development and expect to be sending out a survey within the next month to find out about how programs currently work with alumni.
- Margaret and Velma will be the co-chairs for the next MEOA conference.

Move to adjourn Alan Parks

Second Karen Keim