

Maine Educational Opportunity Association

State Meeting  
February 10, 2014  
University of Maine  
1:00PM - 3:00PM  
Google Hangout

Chris Turner  
Daniel Barton  
Kelly Ilseman  
Dave Megquier  
Allan Parks  
Anthony Staffiere  
Shawn Graham  
Steve Visco  
Michelle Richards  
Aubrey Seppa-Hodgkins  
Sandra Tijerina

Call to Order – Chris Turner

**Action:** Approval of Agenda  
NEOA program add  
Next Conference and dates

Secretary's Report

**Action:** Acceptance of January 2014 Meeting Minutes  
Approval of December and January  
Allan and Daniel

Treasurer's Report - Daniel Barton

2014 MEEEOA Conference

INCOME	Description	Amounts
Conference Registrations - Members	47 Registered members x \$130	\$6,110.00
Conference Registrations - Non-Members	5 Registered non members x \$155	\$775.00
Conference Registrations - Non-Members (on-site)	1 Registered non member x \$205	\$205.00
Conference Registrations - One Day	2 Registered member x \$100	200*
Conference Meals	Velma Murphy Graham (\$75) and Scott Keim (\$35)	\$110.00
Advertising Revenue	Camden National Bank Coffee Break Sponsor - payment received	\$250.00
Auction	Live Auction/Raffle	\$1,326.00
Conference Sponsorships	Husson University Primary Sponsor - Payment received	\$1,000.00
Other income		\$0.00
<b>Total Conference Income</b>		<b>\$9,776.00</b>

### President's Report – Chris Turner

Meetings are set up for policy seminar. NEOA conference will be from April 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Chris will determine if he can attend.

### President-Elect Report – Kelly Ilseman

### Past President Report – Shawn Graham

- Request for Hall of Flags was sent in January 2014.
- If executive committee members are creating anything it will be useful to keep those documents in the MEEOA drive for future leadership.
- Dori Award has been refurbished and is in the mail.
- Maine basket for NEOA. There is need to find someone to take care of the Maine basket for the NEOA conference.
- In terms of nominations and nominator committee, Shawn and Steve will work in how to get people involve to vote in the April meeting.
- Clarification on the process for alumni awards and nominations for policy seminar is needed. There is also urgent need to create a protocol with assigned duties in order to nominate members to the executive committee who will make decisions. So far there are 2 nominees for policy seminar: Rusty Brown and Janette Virtanen. Chris will contact them.

### Committee Reports

- Conference

Allan wants to start choosing a conference date for next year, and proposes to move the conference to the fall. Cost and time for some programs is hard during the fall. He is also asking if there is any commitment done to the Hotel. Alyssa wants to review the evaluations first in order to commit for next year. Hotel accommodations were not great, people want to change places, but price on room and food will be a concern. Dan can see the cost for the conference location to get some idea for costs for the last 5 years. Dan suggests looking for some bids. Chris suggested starting looking for a conference committee and studying the possibility of moving the conference to another time of the year. Kelly will follow up with people who are interested in working the conference. Steve suggested a subcommittee to start working on this. Dave, Dan, Steve and Allan are interested in working in this topic. Next meeting potential ideas from this subcommittee.

- Alumni

Michelle and Shawn had a meeting. They are working on the strategic plan. They have questions: What is the purpose of having alumni committee? Do we need 5 people/alumni on

the committee? Is there an Alumni network? Do we have any database or facebook page?  
Alumni survey completed last year?

Shawn said there are many alumni that could be involved in the MEEOA association, and those who go to policy should be part of the alumni committee. Steve said there is a facebook page for alumni; Kelly said that usually programs have their own facebook page. Allyse said there was an alumni survey complete and she has the results.

The Alumni Award should be build it into the conference and give more importance to the alumni. Michelle likes it to do it in the conference next year.

- Government Relations

Policy seminar appointments have been set. The morning after Hill visit day will have a breakfast with Senator King. There are several initiatives that have been considered on Augusta. Dave has contacted his representative in order to get support.

- Hall of Flags

Anthony said date Monday March 3rd, 2104. Date needs to be scheduled after Labor Day weekend. There is an order for 250 pens for the event. If there is a standard press release for Hall of Flags it should be upload it in Drive.

- Development

Michias saving banks have agreed to pay last years invoice. Husson still has not paid the \$250 for 2013 or this year's \$1000. Chris said we should drop it, Dan said is uncollectable.

- Membership

Aubrey is new to the position. Professional Membership: 52 total. MEOA will try to reach up to 67 paid and 13 program memberships. There are some questions on membership: How many potential members do we have? Contact information?

- Strategic Planning

They have not met since January and they will have one more meetings before June. President and treasured and past president will be responsible for moving the 5o1c3 forward.

- MELI

Evaluations from the conference were largely good. People liked it.

- Yearbook

It is almost done. SSS needs to provide more information.

## Other Business

- Awards

Award needs to be created for Senator Collins

Daniel will research liability insurance for people serving on the board

Next meeting will be on March 17<sup>th</sup> on Google 1 to 3pm

NEEOA April 9<sup>th</sup>

June in Orono

Adjourn