

MEEEOA Business Meeting June 1, 2015
University of Maine Student Union, FFA Room

In Attendance:

Kelly Ilseman
Alan Parks
Teri Morse
Christy Le
Curtis Jack
David Megquier

Call to Order

Action: Approval of Agenda

Secretary's Report

Review of the Board Meeting minutes draft from April 2015

Subcommittee check-in

President – Kelly

Fair Share, bi-laws, conference, Gaylen the future NEOA President for the upcoming year.

Interested to hear from the rest of the board members.

Has filed paperwork for Teri, the new incoming president!

President-Elect - Teri (**position open!**)

Focus on reaching out to find a new president elect, it has been a tough job, everyone that has been asked was too busy for this upcoming year.

Discussion from Curtis stating that he may be interested in the president elect position, he wanted more info on what that entailed. Teri discussed that the position entailed a visit to Washington DC in March, advocating for TRIO, it is a learning year to learn what the job of president involves.

Kelly explained that the president elect is a shadowing year of the president, working with the current president, must attend board meetings, We need two letters of nomination, then it needs to be voted on that can be done electronically.

The bankcard has been done for Teri and it is complete recommend this to be done sooner then later. Recommend starting the bank switch to occur in May.

Curtis Jack has agreed to be penciled in as the President-elect

Nominations & Elections - Chris, Becky, Lynn Ploof-Davis (not in attendance)

Membership - Becky (not in attendance)

Kelly reported: There are no changes from the last report.

59 individual members-5 are renewed but not paid

17 program members-2 are renewed but not paid

Past-President – Chris (not in attendance)

Unable to be here but wishes everyone well and has enjoyed this year.

Treasurer – Dan (not in attendance)

Dan has agreed to fill in until the position is filled.

Unable to attend: Update via e-mail

Updates:

Received \$3,000 check from NEOA to support MEEEOA's attendance in the 2015 COE Policy Seminar (Deposited on 5/13/15)

All COE participant reimbursement checks were sent on 4/3/15

Signatures have been given to TD Bank (Houlton Branch) to add Teri Morse to account; waiting for documents to be returned to Portland Branch to confirm account change.

On July 1st, I will be billing Husson University an additional \$500 for their annual sponsorship (they requested their \$1,000 payment be billed on two separate occasions)

Outstanding invoice from 2/1/15 (Machias Savings Bank) for \$500/Yearbook

Sponsorship. Dave Megquier was going to follow up with Melissa Moffett.

Current Bank Balance: **\$16,148.78**

To Do:

I am working on a detailed transaction log sorted by category so that we can see expenses per event.

Please have folks email me their request for board travel reimbursement.

Best,
Daniel

Kelly wanted to add or make note of the \$250 budget line to be added into the budget

Alumni – Michelle (not in attendance)

Suggested adopting the NEOA model, select community members to be readers for nominations. May want to decide to limit the amount of awards.

MEEOA Conference Co-Chair- Curtis Jack

Has had 2 virtual meetings, there are 3 Google docs, theme, work areas, and timetables. **Theme** "Grit" Getting connected with support, **Resilience Interconnections, Transformations.** Talked about having Gritty's sponsor happy hour. **Work Areas** Bridget pursuing speakers, facilitators, have a contract for the Board to review or look at. **Timetable** June the board will consider the contact, encourage MELI, sign the Black Bear Inn contact. Ginny has done a great job coordinating the contract with Black Bear. Question about MELI? will Steve Visco still be interested in running this? Possibly not with some changes in job responsibilities.

Kelly Moves to accept the Conference contact to move forward, Teri Morse and Christy Le vote yes as well.

Development - Alan/Dave

Have to get the rest of the money from Machias Savings Bank. Would like to get things concrete over the summer need dates for the conference. Al would like to work on Bar Harbor Brewing for promoting and donations. But does not want to do this if Gritty's is a sponsor.

COE has the same amount of money for Paul Spraggins Leadership State Grant program up to \$500 if the region gives \$500

There will be money in the budget to have membership incentives there just has to be a brief report of what is being done with the money. This money will available again July 1st.

NEEOA will need a new proposal written this fall for this money again.

Government Relations – Dave

Tom Cole chairman of the house appropriation committee: funding for TRIO and Gear Up is all about getting money increase, and he is working actively on that. In support on increasing the amounts for these programs. Karen Keim and Dave met with Senator Collins to discuss reauthorization of the Higher Ed Act, met with her for over an hour. Collins mentioned TRIO!

When will they put out the slate for SSS? - Projected for Early July for the funded slate.

Fair Share - Dave

Have a few outstanding renewals for institutions to be paid still.

Would love to have Syntiro join the support.

Encouraging early paid Institutions UMaine has not yet paid working on that. COE's largest unrestricted money comes from institutional memberships. Maine is doing OK with memberships. New England is currently 2nd out of 10

Other Business:

Christy Daggett *** update e-mail Kelly reported.

Brought students to testify in Augusta. Kelly will e-mail those details.

10million \$\$ for scholarships through the Maine State grant program 9-4 in support for new

Membership to \$25: vote for approval –Kelly

Discussion was there seemed to be no big objections to increasing this at the State meeting when discussed in April, Teri, Christy and Kelly had no objections and were all in favor to raise it, it sounded like a great idea where it has not been raised in over a decade.

** Vote on increasing membership to \$25. The Majority of the Executive Committee voted to increase this.

Constitutional amendment: vote for approval – Dave

Discussion revolved around having too many executive members voting and having a majority to vote present?

Proposed To have a vote:

President, president-elect, past president, treasurer, secretary, conference, membership chair, alumni chair, webmaster, public relations coordinator, development chair, development chair, fair share coordinator, government Relations.

(This proposal will be put forth, we need 5 electronic signatures From Professionals to move this forward.)

*Kelly is going to take the Dory award to advertising specialist in Bangor and moving the plaque to the back!

*Disseminated some of the Fact books to all members in attendance to disburse.

*Meeting Dates for Next year:

September 21st in Orono 10-2

October 19th Google hangout 1:00-3

November 16th Google hangout 1:00-3

December 14th Google hangout 1:00-3

January (at MEEOA at conference) In Orono

February 8th Google hangout 1:00-3

March 7th in Orono 10-2

April (at NEEOA)

May 9th in Orono 10-2

Christy-motion to adjourn, Teri-second Meeting adjourn

Adjourn