

**MEEOA State Meeting**  
Black Bear Inn and Conference Center  
January 8, 2016

**In Attendance:**

Teri Morse  
Jane Kimball-Foley  
Christy Le  
Lena Michaud  
David Megquier  
Steve Visco  
Michelle Richards  
Anthony Staffiere  
MEEOA Membership

**Call the meeting to order**

Action: Approval of the agenda Dory 2<sup>nd</sup> Lena

**Secretary's Report – Christy Le**

Discussed the meeting minutes from our last state meeting from April 2, 2015 they have been posted on the website for all to view.

**Motion** to accept the minutes as they are: Chris Turner motion to accept, Daryl 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2, 2015 meeting minutes **Voted on and Passed**

Action: Acceptance of the December's Meeting Minutes hold off on approving these minutes to the next executive meeting.

**Treasurer's Report – Jane Kimball-Foley**

Introduced herself, she is very new still, viewed the budget as it is now. Some of the programs that assist their staff with membership, some programs have been paying electronically, there is an issue because it does not show up where the money or deposits have come from. We are very grateful that Jane has stepped up to be treasurer.

Review of Budget for the year.

Full Treasures Report will be prepared for Business Meeting held at NEOA Conference in April.

## **Executive Committee Reports**

### **President** – Teri Morse

Cultivating Leadership – we have some new faces and some that have been here a little longer than a year or two. We are in desperate need of people to step up for board positions. President-elect, treasurer for next year, we have reached out to people and are looking forward to nominating people for that board slate. The time commitment isn't a huge commitment, a call out to Program directors to look within their staff for potential members that might be a good fit for the vacant positions.

**Lori Davis has agreed to accept appointment of president elect. Chris Turner, Steve Visco 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted on and passed Unanimously**

### **Nominations/Elections** – April Meeting

Policy Seminar – Nominations –Please get those nominations out to us as soon as possible. We are looking forward to getting as many people to policy as we can. We are looking at Teri, Dave, Jane and Lori, and Kelly will be attending as well. Looking at the budget and how we can share costs and advocate

### **Past President** – Kelly Isleman not in attendance

Lots of help with encouraging people to fill the vacant board positions. Teri appreciates all her help.

**Membership** – Lena Michaud no formal report because of the issue with the unmarked deposits in the bank account, but no way of tracking that with the bank right now. Teri and Lena will be reaching out to program directors and if it was an electronic payment? And did they also pay for individual members? about \$400-500 to navigate through?? Will report on this at the April Meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Development** – David Megquier

On the budget our goal for this year was to raise \$1,000 for the conference, we have been able to raise not counting donations for the auction. A total of \$2,250 thus far. We are very interest in getting suggestions for entities to approach to ask for donations please send

your ideas to Dave [Megquier@maine.edu](mailto:Megquier@maine.edu) and Al [Parks@maine.edu](mailto:Parks@maine.edu)  
We want to grow this flow of corporate donations!

**Government Relations/Fair Share** – David Megquier

Kim Jones has done an excellent job with the success this year with \$60 million increase. Dealing with congress and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is working at the State level.

Lori Davis- we were at the hall of Flags, we happen to be there when there was a hearing going on, by the time we found out of it was very late, LD15 it was passed and funded, UMA, Thomas, SMCC have JMG specialists. There wasn't allot of discussion about models that already existed. Maine's college access and completion, and they are concerned, we typically have been talking to the feds, so the state reps didn't have ample info on what we do as TRIO. It's a moment in time that the conversation is happening state wide how do we educate our young people it's a real problem in the State of Maine. We need to use the data that exists. It's a state conversation and we need to be at the table for these conversations.

Dave-

Broad based approach- the legislators we need to do base level work so that they have a clear idea of what we do state-wide. To support our services and expand them! Our factbook has data success rates, student bios, we use this with congress. Going to try to find a sponsor to fund more copies of this factbook so they can take these books to our local legislators. Talk about TRIO in Maine and your program. We do great at the Federal level we need to do better at the State level.

Fed Level- we got the money with support of Collins, and King, we are on the Pingree radar but not huge buy in yet. Susan Collins is not afraid to speak on our behalf. When you are asked to call in to Washington PLEASE call in!! That information counts!

**Fairshare-** It is Very very important to our health as a community to have COE represent us in Washington to make the whole thing work and this year it did work! Rosa and Tom Cole are very strong supporters of TRIO and they made it happen. COE needs resources to be successful. We have a very good record in Maine with our institutions supporting COE! Our projects are good support also. Policy seminar is contributor to this also. Individuals are a great asset

to help with this outcome. The COE website is [www.coenet.us](http://www.coenet.us) right in the middle is “GIFT” and you can contribute that way, you can donate on-line or on paper he has some available right now here today. Reports come out once a month. Our goal is 15 people to commit to 10-10 to earn a free policy seminar. Total contribution is \$100 per person. We haven’t reached our goal yet, if you can commit to \$100 between now and Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Only failed to be first 3 years out of 30 most important part is we have tremendous institutional support in New England. We’ve done our job convincing our Institutions to invest in COE.

Lynn-Ploof Davis- our program has worked with our local legislators and its been successful but it can be tweaked so that we make a better impact at the State level.

Chris Turner- it is really easy to put a call in to Washington, you just tell them your points and its really easy, share that with your students and encourage them to participate and vote.

**Factbook** – Steve Visco

Will be sending out an e-mail to update their data the next few weeks we need to update alumni stories.

**Alumni** – Michelle Richards

More nominations for next year please!!

**Hall of Flags** – Tony Staffiere

2016 Wed March 9<sup>th</sup> 8-12pm also adding for our HS and 2-yr institutions we will be having a little get together at UMA, college visit and lunch and some great speakers in the Hall.

**Conference** –Ginny

We had 80 people registered mostly full regular at the member rate and other categories as well. We had 15-16 first time attendees some people that came to present ended up staying for the rest of the conference and were excited about it. The contract amount was around \$5900. \$10945 was an estimated income about from the conference! \$457 for the Raffle. The auctions income about \$1600

Almost feel like Brandon Stanton from NY with his amazing fundraising success. \$650 in sponsors.

So who is going to head up the Conference for next year??? Ginny had a great time planning she had a great team at Bowdoin and all the conference committee members its was really a GREAT effort from everyone. A huge Thank YOU to everyone that helped her with the planning of this conference. She is hopeful someone will be inspired to step up for conference chair next year.

### **Other Business:**

Constitutional Amendments – Teri Morse

Some background, last year Kelly and Dave spent time making adjustment to the bi-laws it was not done in time for voting in April. When Teri came on a president she wanted to make sure it was all inclusive of all changes that might need changing.

Everyone was informed via the listserv

Article # sec #1 We learning there were 2 honorary memberships give but no definition please see revisions in the bi-laws provisions. Thoughts? Concerns? Question asked Betty McCue-Herlihy Did we discuss the nominations process? Recommendation that we have a process to do that? The executive committee will write a policy regarding the nomination process.

Article IV sec #2 please see revisions in bi-laws: Concerns? Questions?  
Sec #4 please see revisions in Bi-laws Concerns? Questions?  
How do they get appointed? Betty McCue-Herlihy  
The executive committee will Write policy to the process to appoint the individual to the executive committee

Discussion on how to deal with vacancies.

Article IV sec #6

\*\* Modify the revision to say Officers instead of Pre-elect.

Will be reworked to include **all Elected officers.**

Article VIII

Sec 1 see revisions. Concerns? Questions? No abstentions

Sec 2 see revisions. Concerns? Questions? No Abstentions

Article XI

Sec #2 will be sent out for our membership vote in April

Sec 3: see revisions. Concerns? Questions? Is there a minimum of voting members that need to be in attendance? For full committee

Please READ the revisions that will be sent out before the Next business meeting we welcome involvement from all members.

Teri thanked all the conference committee members and everyone that contributed to the conference.

I encourage people to consider with heading the conference up for next year.

Lori motion to adjourn- Jane Kimball Foley 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Adjourn**