

**MEEOA Business Meeting April 2, 2015
NEOA Conference, Portsmouth, NH**

In Attendance:

Kelly Ilseman
Daniel Barton
Anthony Staff
Alan Parks
Teri Morse
Christy Le

MEEOA Membership

Introductions: everyone

Call to Order

Action: Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Lena Michaud Second Chris Turner

Secretary's Report

Action: Approval of January 2015 and April 2014 Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept Daniel Barton Second Steve Visco

Subcommittee check-in

President – Kelly Policy seminar in Washington met with representatives, we have a lot of support presented Susan Collins Arnold Mitchum Award. She is sponsoring an appropriations letter to increasing funding 4% very involved in our support. Poliquinn's office met with Aide and was very receptive, economic advantage and they seemed receptive they actually called us the next day to ask for our opinion on an issue so that was taken as a very successful visit. Encourage to communicate with our reps they are our voices in D.C.

Made a pitch for president elect that is still open for next year, it's a great opportunity to get involved. Was at a dinner last night with past presidents of NEEOA it was very inspiring you are allowed to make connections that you might not necessarily have otherwise.

LD 215 Bill

President-Elect - Teri (position open for next year!)

We do have this position open for next year, she will be sending out e-mail and phone messages to encourage people to consider running. It is a very impactful position she enjoyed Policy and

Tony has agreed to co-chair with Ginny Fowles the conference for next year.

Encourage people to be involved as a committee member and/or board member.

Past-President – Chris

We really need a full slate for the upcoming year. TRIO Day went very well students are still talking about the experience. Being part of the board and organization is a great opportunity to get involved.

Nominations & Elections - Chris, Becky, Lynn Ploof-Davis

Position for Secretary

Voted on Steve motion to accepted secretary Second: Daniel Barton

Vote was taken> all in favor yes, no objections

Secretary- Christy Le

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Noted the Treasurer position is vacant

Noted President-Elect is vacant

Kelly motioned to accept the slate as is: Accepted

Membership - Becky 59 individual memberships 5-still not paid
17 program membership 2 still need to be paid a little above last year.

Treasurer – Dan (position open for next year!)

(A complete copy of the Budget as of today will be included electronically on a separate report to be included on the Website.)

Just accepted a new position in Advising for USM so will not be able to continue as treasurer next year. Would love to encourage people to consider this position, you run the checkbook, tracking expenses, and making sure invoices are getting paid, as long as you stay in communication with other members they make this job easy.

MEEOA Budget: 2014-15 expected \$16,300 in income we currently have \$12,305 Will be putting in a request for \$3,000 form NEEOA for the Policy still expecting about \$4,000 which will put us higher then anticipated. Expenses are not all calculated in yet for the year.

Budget for next year discussed has some increases as noted on the proposed budget also included separately. The Budget projected for 2015-16 is \$16,675

Current Balance is \$14,050 we are roughly about the same place we were last year.

Discussed adding a line item for Alumni of \$250 revisited the discussion about adding this as a separate line item this year professional development money was used for an alumni event. Clarification about who would actually be requesting these funds.

For example Kelly stated that there is an Alumni event that is developing at UMAINE for Upward Bound and funds were requested of MEEOA but

There were no funds for this event to give.

The funds would write to the Board asking for these funds, we could develop and application or leave it open,

Still waiting on the \$100 deposit for the Hall of Flags

Ads for COE and NEEOA conference

COE ad is \$300 and its Due June 18th might want to plan for that.

Chris Turner motion to approve the budget as amended Second Alan Parks;

Voted on and approved.

Development - Alan/Dave

Received \$1,750 so far, still waiting on \$500 from Machias Savings, and Husson University also waiting on \$500

MDI items for auction and for the Maine basket, they got 2 or 3

SMCC, EMCC, and Thomas college came up with Institutional memberships more support is a great move forward. If you know of other organization that we can tap into to support this development. Alan will also be helping with fundraising even after retirement.

Fair Share – Dave

A concept that COE has come up with that individuals, projects and institutions can support COE (Council for Opportunity Education) thorough donations.

Doing very well as a state, stands at 115% right now and we are in the lead.

Several institutions are still expected to contribute this year but have not sent in their contributions.

Is there a way for an Institution to take advantage of paying early with a discount without paying twice in the same year. They recommended to contact Al Phillips to make this happen for your institution. Maine had enough 10 for 10 members that we earned a free Policy seminar registration.

Government Relations – Dave

Alumni – Michelle (not in attendance)

Awards were distributed (Kelly)

TRIO Days / Hall of Flags – Anthony

Thanked Daniel, Kelly, the UMF tribe, Lynn, Elise, Mary, Ginny, Becky, Jessie, Casey, Karen. TRIO day was very impactful he had never attended one before,

Is still getting thank you from other state's that sent students that had such a great experience had over 400 students sent to the event. The bus company almost canceled bus service due to heavy snow, but they all came through. The concurrent workshops were amazing the Street Kings from Portland performed and were great thanks to Lynn for making that happen. Next year it will be held in Vermont and they will be adding an additional day at the recommendation of this year's planning committee.

Dannette and Michelle were a great help also wanted to thank them as well even though they are not in attendance.

Hall of Flags was scheduled far in advance and they unfortunately were NOT in session that day even though they were expected to originally be IN session. Comments that the students were very respectful

Highlights: Bowdoin Upward Bound alum- Shawn Pollis spoke as a former TRIO student is a current city council member

Keynote Speaker talked about college affordability and the importance of this invited us to come back in April.

Webmaster – Casey

Working on website updates and event planning

Factbook – Steve

Thanks for sending data and thank you to Al or collecting the data. Will send along a digital copy to all that might want one will put in on the Website possibly.

Public Relations – Karen

Efforts continue please keep the stories coming. She needs a co-chair for this committee there is an electronic group that collaborate on these efforts Writing team of 6 and 12 people that collective volunteer. No meeting requirements for this group.

LD 215 came to this late Laurie Davis said it has allot to do with SSS

JMG \$250,000 to create college access programs Met with Senator Alford stating we are the experts of college access that is what TRIO does. We got the opportunity to project MEEOA as partners and not adversaries. Asked them to find \$250,000 for TIRO programs and they said that is a great idea. Back early in the 1980's they agreed to help fund TRIO programs at the State level. We need to continue to be at the table to remind them of the importance of TRIO.

Conference Co-Chair

Ginny and Anthony we are excited to start but have no report out at this time.

Other Business:

Membership to \$25: vote for approval –Kelly
This will be a board vote at our next meeting.

Constitutional amendment: vote for approval - Dave

When MEEOA state association formed it had a simple mission a small board was formed. Over the years this association has grown there are many committees though about expanding the executive board to include some of the positions that are on-going

Right now the committee members are appointed by the President doesn't that give the president a greater power? Very few members actually vote.

All elected plus membership.

Will all these members be able to attend all meeting and will this increase costs? Do most of the committee members attend? And are we paying for travel costs for all to attend? Yes we currently do this

Chris suggested he would like Membership and Alumni added but not necessarily All the committee members to be added. Sarah Henry has most of the bi-law changes.

Motion to adjourn: Steve Visco Second: Dave Megquier

Adjourn