

**MEOA Buisness Meeting**  
**January 7, 2011**  
**Black Bear Inn, Orono, ME**  
**8:30-9:45**

- Dori welcomed everyone
- Over \$400 was made on the raffle last night

- The minutes from the last board meeting are available on the MEOA website.
- The minutes from the last business meeting in Presque Isle are missing..

President's Report- Dori

- Gear Up and TRIO are now one family. Gear Up will be under the same area of the Department of Ed. It took effect December 5.
- Encourage people to get involved in the association.
- Elections will be held during the NEOA conference. There will be an online option available for those not attending the conference.
  - This will allow for a better training of the new president.
  - Steve wanted to know if we need a bylaws revision for that.
  - Sarah clarified that there is not a date attached to the meeting in the bylaws. It is not tied to the conference so no revisions are needed.
  - There is a google doc for information and documents related to the organization  
Account: MEEOA board  
Password is: college access

- We are resurrecting the Dory Award for the organization. We need volunteers to go over the nominations
  - Sarah told the history of the award. Jerry Ellis has offered to donate his award back to the organization to be passed on to someone else.
  - Let Dori know if you would like to sit on a committee to review the applications.
  - It has not been decided when the award will be given. Possibly at NEOA?

-Policy Seminar

- Jess Berry has offered to go.
- Nominations form for TRIO alumni should be sent to Elyse.
- Dave is going to set up the meetings with the congressional members.

-Hall of Flags

- Jess has volunteered to organize the event.
- It is important that as many people as possible attend the event.
- Lynn suggested maybe having MaineCAN have a table or other college access people. If the hall could be as filled as possible with as many organizations as possible then we will get more press.
- Reggie suggested a state initiative grant for the Hall of Flags

-Laurie Davis- Past President Report

- The board met 10 times last year and used Poly Com. It has been decided that this year they will try to be in person, but some people could use Poly Com
- Both conferences have been very successful.
- The TRIO yearbook was updated last year by Bowdoin. Senator Collins was really surprised by the state of Maine map with all of the programs marked on it.
- Chris Decker continues to advocate for TRIO even after the seminar.
- We will need someone to update the yearbook this year.
- Laurie attended the NEOA meetings last year and then became the state liaison this year.
- Hopefully people will think about assuming a leadership position in the organization.
- We need two volunteers who are willing to join Sarah and Laurie on the nominations committee.

#### -Dori- Treasurer's Report

- Dori will print out copies and leave them here.
- If you haven't paid your individual memberships, please do so. Institutional memberships and individual memberships are separate from each other.
- Angela is also waiting on many checks for the conference. She suspects it has to do with the system Marketplace software
- Money was added back into the budget for professional development and board meetings all in Bangor with a Poly Com option.

#### Mary and Theresa- Conference

- Over 70 people are in attendance.
- They estimate that will generate a significant amount of revenue.
- \$1,158 was earned in the auction last night.

#### Jess- Membership

- Only 7 or 8 people who have not become members.
- Encourage your colleagues to join.
- Associate memberships- are really reserved for students (grad students). They are not for professional staff members. They should have professional memberships.
- Institutional memberships- you may be an individual member, but if you aren't there, then your program is not represented. We would like to see this number increase.
- Steve said that if anyone wants to join the list serv they should get in touch with him

#### Dave- COE update

- Currently operating on a continuing resolution, so Congress did not complete the work they had to do. They new Congress is picking that up.
- The may be rolling back funding levels to 2008 funding levels. This is not good for us.
- Awards for Talent Search and EOC will come out in the summer.
- UB competition cycle will be up next.
- When there is a call to contact senators, it is important to respond because we need to convince them. It will make a difference.
- Right now all of the institutions in Maine have memberships, except for Bowdoin (currently working on their president).
- Karen Keim has agreed to be the Fair Share Chair for the state.

Ann and Sarah- NEOA Conference update

- Pay your membership- Ramon Gonzalez is the membership chair.
- Pre Conferences are on Tuesday- On Course and ASA- financial literacy.
- There are many opportunities for anyone to get involved.
- Submit a workshop proposal.