Call to Order
Additions to the agenda: Arnold Mitchem Award and Fair Share report

Secretary’s Report
Technical difficulties. People will review them by next Friday and send any corrections to Elyse.

Treasurer’s Report
- 2012 was a profitable conference which helped our bottom line.
- We increased a lot of membership last year.
- The On Course conference was a great success last year and earned us about $700.
- The Strategic Planning has been working on the 501c3/c4 status
- Auction revenue for last night was $1893! Thank you, Ann.

Motion to Accept Treasurer’s Report: Darlyn Cote
Second: Steve Visco
All in favor

Conference Committee
- Dave and Alan’s goal was to make the conference a doable process.
- 70 members paid registrants for the conference and 5 VIP registrations.
- More than $1,000 below last year’s costs for the conference.
- Thank you to all those who helped with the planning of the conference.

President’s Report
- The executive committee met once a month either in person or through Poly Com.
- We have a new award – the Dr. Arnold Mitchem Award that will be awarded to Mitch at Policy Seminar this year and then give to other friends of MEEOA after that.
  • State Initiative Grants
    o We’ve submitted two state initiative grants that were both aimed around funding for MELI. We haven’t heard from them yet.
  • Letters from MEEOA
2 weeks ago we sent letters to Snowe, Collins, King, Pingree, and Michaud to thank them from their support and ask for their continued support during this time.

- Hall of Flags
  - March 25
  - Updates will be posted to the MEEOA listserv.

- Policy Seminar
  - March 10-12

- Projects
  - MEEOA Website updates
    - There is an updates section now
    - Links to information
    - Membership link has been improved.

  - Transition planning
    - Working on building a transition manual to help people who take on leadership positions.
    - There are now executive committee position descriptions online, so people can have more information and get involved.

  - Strategic planning
    - We had a plan in 2002 and the association decided that we should revisit it.
    - A committee of Alan Parks, Dave Megquier, Margaret Irving, and Shawn Graham worked on developing the plan.
    - There were no comments given on the draft that was sent out before the holidays.
    - Shawn is going to resend it for comments so that people will have time to take a look at it.
    - There are six priorities with descriptions of who is responsible, etc.

President Elect Report
- We’ve had one alumni nomination for policy seminar. We are looking for one more.
- The form is on the MEEOA website, under information and resources.

Past President Report
Maine Educational Opportunity Association
State Business Meeting
Four Points Sheraton, Bangor, ME
January 4, 2013
9:00am – 10:00am

-Nominations for exec board are coming up soon. All positions are open. It starts in September and goes for a whole year.
-Please get involved and let Jess know your interest.

Membership Chair
-We’ve increased membership significantly this year.
-There are some new additions to the membership section of the website (thanks, Casey!)
-The descriptions of the memberships are very clear now with the benefits, etc.
-Margaret welcomes any feedback that you have.
-We highly encourage program membership renewal.
-We have a total of 84 paid memberships this year!

Fair Share Update
-Think about giving the gift of a publication to someone who is a supporter on campus (this is a Fair Share contribution)
-We are very close (6 $100 memberships away) from getting a free policy seminar registration
-NEOA is currently first in the nation
-Maine is first in the nation as well.
-Karen will mentor the person who comes in as Fair Share Chair
-Today we are at $950 for Fair Share (from this conference)

Other Business
-Marty, Christy, and Elyse are going to work on alumni development and expect to be sending out a survey within the next month to find out about how programs currently work with alumni.
-Margaret and Velma will be the co-chairs for the next MEEOA conference.

Move to adjourn Alan Parks
Second Karen Keim