

Maine Educational Opportunity Association
State Meeting
April 9, 2014
NEOA Bridgetown, CT
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Kelly Ilseman
Shawn Graham
Chris Turner (absent)
Daniel Barton (absent)
Sandra Caceres Tijerina
Michelle Richards
Aubrey Seppa-Hodgkins
Allan Parks
Steve Visco
MEEOA Membership

Call to Order

Action:

Agenda Approval: approved

Secretary's Report

Action:

Approved minutes from meeting at NEOA 2013 conference

Darylen Cote

Allan Parks

Treasurer and President Report

Dan Barton was absent

Kelly Ilseman did the report

Budget has not changed a lot since last meeting. Kelly read Dan's email and share the budget. There is a proposal regarding an increase for the conference budget. Conference could change for the fall again. There is a decrease in individual and program membership compare to last year. Kelly said she will share the last copy of the budget. Betty Hay asked if there is money for other programs. She is interested in learning about new ideas that can be developed.

Motion to Accept Treasures report

Steve Visco

Seconded

Darylene and Dave

President-Elect Report

Kelly attended policy seminar. She said it was a great experience. There were a lot of speakers and felt a lot of support for Trio. There was a \$52 million petition and Susan Collins wrote a letter to support this petition that was signed by a good amount of people. Over all was a positive experience.

There are many positions open in MEEOA. There is a manual with the job description for each one of the positions that will help people who will take the new responsibilities in the organization.

Kelly has different ideas to start the new year:

1. Professional level and networking: develop partner agencies
2. Political Advocacy: Kelly is interested in Casey helping develop a page in Facebook.
3. Leadership and participation: Kelly is interested in doing a staff retreat as professional development
4. Alumni: Kelly is interested in reviewing the process of policy seminar nominations

Past President Report

Shawn presented nomination for 2014-2015

President: Kelly Ilseman

President: Teri Morse

Past-President: Chris Turner

Treasurer: Dan Barton

Secretary: Christy Lee

Vote:

Accepted by Acclamation

Standing Committees:

Committee Reports

- Alumni

Michelle is focusing this year on the alumni database. She is looking for four members to be part of the committee.

- Hall of Flags

Anthony said the students were able to see the legislature in action and were very impressed by the experience He will work on making the reservation for Hall of Flags around Labor Day. He is expecting to create a more dynamic event for the students.

- Development

MEEOA Target of \$1250 was accomplished with Camden National Bank and Husson University. Machias Savings Bank gave MEEOA \$150 to be used for the yearbook. There is

need to have sponsors for Hall of Flags. Relationships need to be developed in order to get good sponsorship.

- Fair Share:

As a State, Maine is doing really well on fair share. Programs still have time to pay until the end of June. There are no new institutional memberships. SSS has invited other colleges to participate in grant writing that could lead to more opportunities on Fair Share.

- Membership

Aubrey: there is campaign to promote membership. If there are new ideas please share with Membership Chari. Aubrey will use Yearbook to promote MEEOA and recruit more members.

- Government relations:

There is support for the Senators to increment Trio dollars. There has been a call to all delegations specially those who are in the appropriations committee to support an increment for Trio. One of the most difficult things is to ask for a specific amount of dollars, but it is necessary to provide the appropriate service to our target student population.

- Leadership:

MELI run for a second time. There have been different and interesting projects that developed as a result of MELI. If there is interest MELI can happen next year.

NEOA leadership institute is also an opportunity to develop leadership skills.

- Conference:

Danette is conference chair and needs a partner to share workload.

- Public Relations:

Rusty has published two articles in the local newspaper. Teri Mores has a student that is writing an article at this moment. Public relations have to be a constant effort in order to provide support to students. Allan can support the elaboration and creation of student stories. Those stories can be uploaded in the MEEOA website for distribution

Other Business

Trio Day, MEEOA needs a volunteer to coordinate the event.

Adjourn

Kelly

Steve