

Maine Educational Opportunity Association
State Meeting
March 28, 2014
University of Maine
10:00am – 11:00am
Google Hangout

Chris Turner
Sandra Caceres Tijerina
Aubrey Seppa-Hodgkins
Allan Parks
Steve Visco

Call to Order

Action:

Secretary's Report

Action: No quorum for February acceptance Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report by email from Daniel Barton

For those that attended the COE Policy Seminar, please make sure to complete the NEOA Ind. Reimbursement form that I emailed out and submit with all original receipts. I will make this a priority and send out reimbursements as quickly as possible. Once I have received all expense forms, I will make the request to NEOA to be reimbursed up to \$3,000.

Hall of Flags: we received our \$100 deposit back and paid the invoice for the pens. Are there other receipts from Hall of Flags (cafe?).

Filed IRS tax form 990 in early March and completed the Maine Secretary of State Report.

Invoice for yearbooks was paid and we received the \$500 check from Machias Savings (for being a yearbook sponsor).

NEOA: We have \$125 set aside in the budget for hospitality. Shawn are you still okay with being the point person in CT?

I am currently working on a proposed budget for 2014-2015 to share at NEOA.

President's Report

Policy seminar: MEEEOA meet with Senator Michaud and King. There was a Trio Alumni in King's office. They agreed to sign the letter supporting the 52 million dollars increases. Senator Collins opened the meeting with the letter that closes next Tuesday. Allan wrote to Senators Collins, Michaud, King and Congresswoman Pingree to thank them for their support to the letter. Chris met with Pingree's education aid during policy. During the visit there was a push for SSS and a reminder for the 50th year of UB. Allan asked how was the overall feeling for the 52

million dollar increase request? Chris said many people want to support the increase and they do not feel it is too much, it is a reasonable number. The push they made was also to be level funded. 3% to restore SSS Chris is confident that we should be funded

President-Elect Report

Not present

Past President Report

Not present

Committee Reports

- Alumni

The committee met at the beginning of the week with Shawn and they talked about networking. They talked to Monda Kelly in order to learn best practices on reaching out to alumni. They also talked about reaching out to program directors about getting in contact with alumni. Some questions emerged: what kind of network do we want?, what do we want to use?, who is going to administer that network?, and what are some thoughts about creating an alumni database?. Steve said there could be 2 types of databases: 1) programs bring everybody and/or 2) a database that includes key alumni who are actively participating. He said he will be able to build a database but managing is still a challenge, especially in a couple of years from now. Chris said that COE has been talking about an alumni database but is not updated. They want to reactivate that process.

- Hall of Flags

Chris said that it went very well this year. Anthony did a fantastic job and has committed to do it next year.

- Development

Allan said they have done some work. MEEOA got \$500 from Machias Bank that sponsor the yearbook.

- Membership

Chris said the Aubrey is the new chair.

- Strategic Planning

Allan asked if we have a date for a meeting? Steve will talk to Shawn because there is no specific date yet.

- Yearbook

Members who went to policy seminar were able to use it and it was a great resource.

- Awards

Senator Collins award will be given to her in May during a Washington DC visit.

Regarding the Dori Award, Aubrey never got confirmation on what it has to say. Aubrey will keep the same text but will change the name. There will be an opportunity in June 2014 to give this award.

Other Business

Google document has been created to have all MEEEOA information available. Daniel and Steve are still looking for a President elect. Chris or Daniel cannot attend the NEOA conference.

Adjourn