

Maine Educational Opportunity Association
State Meeting
June 2, 2014
University of Maine
10:00PM - 2:00PM

In attendance:

Chris Turner
Daniel Barton
Kelly Illseman
Sandra Caceres Tijerina
Michelle Richards
Aubrey Seppa-Hodgkins
Steve Visco
Dave Megquier
Allan Parks

Call to Order

Action: Approval of Agenda

Secretary's Report

Action: Acceptance of February meeting minutes

Motion: motion to accept February's minutes: Daniel Barton. Second: Allan Parks

Treasurer's Report

Dan provided an overview of the expense report. NEOA provided a total of \$3000 dollars to attend COE policy. MEEEOA did not use the money allocated for state initiatives or professional development. MEEEOA has \$16,505.19 as of 06/06/2014 checking balance.

Dave proposed to increment MEEEOA's contribution to COE up to \$4000 dollars. Dave said the contribution to COE has decrease substantially and having the economic resources, he considers MEEEOA is in a position to increase the dollar amount for COE. The contribution needs to be done by the end of June 2014. Dave was also asking why the contribution to COE is not an item in the budget. Dan said he will add that item to the current budget. Kelly needed more information on the budget in order to make a decision about the money MEEEOA should contribute to COE. Chris said MEEEOA should not use next years reserve, specially this year when the MEEEOA members want to change the date and place of the conference. Chris said that Dave's motion to send COE \$4000 dollars is high. Dave proposed to make a contribution of \$3000 dollars. Steve proposed to use some of the money to support two members to participate in next year's NEOA's Leadership Institute, considering the tuition for the LI is \$500 dollars. Dave's proposal was voted on: Dave's proposal for additional contribution of \$3000 and set aside \$1000 to support leadership institute.

Vote: 3-2 no support

Chris proposed to contribute \$2000 for COE and \$1000 for Leadership Institute; and if no people go to Leadership that money could go COE.

Vote: Approved by the Board

Second : Dan

MEEOA Treasurer Report, June 6, 2014

INCOME	2013-2014 Proposed	2013 - 2014 Actual	Difference
Conference			
Conference Registrations	8,000.00	7,290.00	
Advertising Revenue	200.00	250.00	
Auction/Raffle	1,750.00	1,326.00	
Conference Sponsorships	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Other Income (Donations, CD Sales, etc)	0.00	110.00	
Total Conference Income	10,950.00	9,976.00	-974.00
Membership			
Individual Membership	1,200.00	840.00	
Program Membership	975.00	750.00	
Associate Membership	0.00	5.00	
Total Membership Income	2,175.00	1,595.00	-580.00
Other			
NEOA support to attend COE Policy	3,000.00	2,999.00	
Dividends	0.00	0.00	
OnCourse	0.00	0.00	
State Initiative Grants	500.00	0.00	
COE Award		500.00	
Yearbook Sponsorship - Machias Savings	0.00	500.00	
Total Other Income	3,500.00	3,999.00	499.00
Total All Income	16,625.00	15,570.00	-1,055.00

EXPENSES	2013-2014 Proposed	2013-2014 Actual
MEEOA		

Conference 2014	6,000.00	4,971.10
MELI	500.00	316.02
Dr. Arnold Mitchem Award	50.00	0.00
MEEOA Board Meeting Travel	700.00	537.72
Donations	0.00	0.00
ME Secretary of State	35.00	35.00
Supplies, printing, etc	350.00	179.95
Hall of Flags	400.00	381.23
Professional Development Grants	500.00	0.00
Postage	15.00	18.40

Website Domain Name	0.00	0.00	
Total MEEOA Expenses	8,550.00	6,439.42	-2,110.58

NEOA

NEOA membership	300.00	300.00
NEOA Conference Prog. Advertisement	150.00	200.00
NEOA Conference Hospitality Suite	125.00	118.06

Total NEOA	575.00	618.06	43.06
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COE

COE Fair Share Contribution	1,000.00	3,000.00
Policy Seminar	6,000.00	6,678.00

*Board voted to increase contribution to COE Fair Share by \$2,000 on 6/1/14

Total COE	7,000.00	9,678.00	2,678.00
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Total All Expenses	16,125.00	16,735.48	610.48
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Total Income		16,625.00	15,570.00
Total Expenses		16,125.00	16,735.48
Total Income Less Expenses		500.00	-1,165.48

Checking Balance as of
6/6/2014*

\$16,505.19

*balance is reflective of all expected outstanding charges hitting the account.

President's Report

UB had a summit a month ago. Each UB is working on contacting a congressional person. Chris would like to know if MEEOA will be planning something in order to celebrate the 50th anniversary of UB. There is going to be an announcement about the 50th anniversary of UB on behalf of the Board. Allan suggested to create a guest book in the website to leave messages. Kelly suggested to use Facebook instead because it could be more visible, and to add links to MEEOA website in the Facebook page.

President-Elect Report

Kelly has had several meetings in order to start the new year. She has met with Casey Henderson who has suggested some changes the MEEOA website needs. Kelly is working on recruiting a member to be conference co-chair for next year and is determining what will be the best time to do the conference considering the needs of all the programs in the association. She said Vecky Colanino will be helping with registration at the conference. Steve said there is need to determine conference location in order to help recruit a conference co-chair, he also

mentioned that Tony could be interested in helping with the conference but Dan said he might be coordinating Trio Day.

Kelly proposed to have a retreat for the Board as an opportunity to build relationships before the new year begins. All Board members will be invited. September and October are tentative months for the retreat. Kelly will create an online calendar to schedule the dates.

Past President Report

Shawn not present no information

Committee Reports

- Conference ... continue from President elect report ...

Danette is interested in being co-chair for the conference in 2015. Steve proposed to keep the conference in January for 2015 and start working on moving the conference for another time of the year. He also proposed to extend the venue search to other areas of the State. Allan said MEEOA should choose the dates promptly and keep the same place. Chris said that so far the dates are for January 5 to January 9, 2015. In their feedback members of the organization stated that Four Points was not good, said Dan. The Black Bear Inn had not been greater than the Four Points, but the price is better. Dave will start looking for a place.

- Alumni

There is progress on the alumni database. Casey is helping with that. Once it is up there will be a lot of data entry. Michelle wants to present the Alumni Award at the conference, it is important to devote more time to present the Award to alumni. Facebook page has been used in order to contact alumni and have conversations with the community. Chris would like to know if we need a release form in order for us to input information in the alumni database; or if it is possible to create a feature that allows us to upload the information ourselves.

- Government Relations

The Trio community has been motivating all of its members specially the Senate in order to support an increase. The members of the Trio Caucus are holding a meeting today. Appropriations members are attending the meeting as well. The support letter for an increase will be out this Friday because the subcommittee of appropriations will be working next week. Dave will have an executive summary of next weeks meeting. This subcommittee will have a budget for education and labor. It is possible the Senate makes a full commitment and vote.

- Hall of Flags

No report

- Development

Allan has been working on getting 4 more schools to write for SSS programs. Thomas EMCC, SMCC, Machias. Machias has new leadership. We might have up to more 4 programs that will potentially contribute to Fair Share.

- Membership

There are 69 members, 68 of them paid membership. The goal for next year is to recruit more members and increase participation. There is going to be a new member directory that will help recruit people who have not been participating in MEEOA.

- Strategic Planning

Subcommittee has not met. Dave, Shawn, Allan and Chris will find time to meet soon. Kelly might be interested in participating with the strategic planning committee.

- MELI

During the UB rally Steve got an email from Lynn Ploof-Davis commenting on the positive impact that MELI has had on the development of different projects. MELI team has been motivated to take a leadership role in MEEOA and to take advantage of the Leadership Institute Opportunity. As soon as we have a site for the annual conference there will be more talks about MELI. The site will determine the dynamics of the program.

- Yearbook

MEEOA has a sponsorship

Other Business

- Awards

\$ 225 dollars in scholarships in the past MEEOA conference and also gift cards for presenters. \$100 and \$25 = \$125 Darylen never received the gift cards so she paid for them. Dan tried to cancel the gift card but was not able. Dan will be sending a check to Darylen.

Bridge year program in Maine. This program is limited to a number of schools, provided 30 credit courses during high school, and dual enrollment. Taught by faculty of teachers trained by UMaine. Students take courses in tech high schools. It is an opportunity for just \$1800 dollars. For that first year Allan is working on a Pilot program. He is visiting 6 summer sessions. He will be meeting with students to talk about SSS programs as a recruiting tool. Hermon, Bangor, Brewer, and expanding.

June 12th Augusta campus SSS will meet about best practices on writing proposals and will talk about the 4 new schools as soon they commit to be part of membership MEEOA.

Kelly set a side dates for next year's meetings:

September – 15 (to be confirmed) – in person 10am to 3pm (retreat?)

October 20 – Google hang out 1pm to 3pm

November 17 – Google hang out 1pm to 3pm

December 15 – Google hang out 1pm to 3pm

January MEEOA Conference – In person

February 9 – Google hang out 1pm to 3pm

March 9 – In person 10am to 2pm

April 8 – 10 NEOA Conference – In person
May – TBD
June 1 – In person 10am to 2pm

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn, Kelly
Second Dan