

MEEOA State Meeting  
NEOA Conference, Cape Cod, MA  
April 6, 2016

In Attendance: 32 members in attendance

Teri Morse  
Christy Le  
Jane Kimball Foley  
Laurie Davis

**Call to Order-** Teri Morse

Action: Approval of Agenda motion to approve agenda Dory motions to accept Steve Visco  
2<sup>nd</sup> Voted and Approved. Only addition is Dave Megquire will give a brief fair share overview.

Secretary's Report Page #3 Laurie Davis name is incorrect Dori Moves to accept Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Action: Acceptance of January 2016 Meeting Minutes Voted and Accepted

Treasurer's Report – Jane

Machias \$500 is paid and \$500 will be invoiced to be paid.

Program membership is still a bit of a challenge through the University system they are depositing money into the account but we cannot track that payment to an individual program. It's routed through 3 different bank systems. The allocation of funds is not clear where it comes from. Lena will be working on what members are paid and which programs are not paid. It shows only FIVE programs are paid in our system. UMF actually sent a print out from their financials that it is paid. That would be helpful to have those financial records. Asking all the Directors to go into the Database and make sure it is correct. If you have staff no longer with your program can you please send Lena an e-mail so we can clean up the membership database?! We have 11 members that have NOT paid, Lena and I are working on getting those individuals paid. Please make sure your information is correct. Casey will send out instructions on how to access the database

\* NEOA In the income section there is \$3,000 that we can request funds to help with costs for policy, this will get done by the

\*Paul Spraggins grant that Kelly wrote there was some confusion on the check being paid to MEEOA we are Just now getting \$6052 to promote membership. The first half was raffled for program and individual memberships. The executive committee will be working on a plan to help promote membership.

Expenses: the \$30 for stop payment fee was for the bank, there were several checks missing so we just put a stop payment on those missing checks.

Hall of Flags still invoicing that needs to be done, about \$125 cost of the Hall of flags will be less then projected.

Hospitality (Networking) Suite cost would be about \$55

Fair share we will be contributing \$1,000

The balance is currently \$20,912.35 there are three outstanding checks and one more will be written for travel for policy.

Present Budget to-date - Proposed transition to Online Accounting Tools

Action: Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Dory accepts as is Steve Visco 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted on and Accepted.

Proposed 2016-17 budget

Action: Acceptance of proposed budget for 2016-17

Pretty much the same as last year.

With 2 suggestions: one line item to be added for banking fees and another line for on-line software for accounting between \$35-\$45 /month for quick books.

Old Business

President-Elect - Laurie

Policy Seminar Update- Teri thanked Laurie and Dave and others at Policy because Teri was very ill at Policy and was thankful for those that helped out and stepped up to help. Dave, Laurie, and three alums, we started to the state leaders meeting lots of training and information on how to talk to senators and congress people. Susan Collins talked with her and she talked with our alums. Made us late with Poliquinn's aide had to meet with an alternative aide. Poliquinn did sign in support we were not sure on the impact we had. Then went to Shelly Pingree's office we met with aides, our alum's were wonderful with some great and very different stories. Finished the day with Senator King he showed us his TRIO works t-shirt under his dress shirt it was wonderful. Had an excellent conversation with King. The next morning went back to a coffee event at King's office it was a great experience.

Teri has been in contact with all of the alumni and they all had a great experience. Very solid advocates of TRIO they have offered to support future events Leann has offered to go and deliver Fact Books with Teri. Leann is a USM alum and is now in Real Estate and called Laurie and to ask for a work-study student.

Dave added to policy the time spent in Senator Collins office we touched based with chief of staff legislative council they were able to cover the entire room. Collins again was the co-lead on the appropriations letter in support of TRIO.

**Dave-Fair Share** at 107% right now only a few states that are ahead of us. Institutions are encouraged with a \$300 discount to pay early. Our big group that will pay early are June 30-Fall normally we do very well as a state.

National we are at 67% The important piece of fair share is the 10-10 campaign gives us a FREE policy seminar. We did make that goal this year.

**Hall of Flags** – Tony

March 9<sup>th</sup> we had 10 TRIO and Gear-Up join us at the State house and it was in Session it was 52 degrees and beautiful

Rebecca Millet address and Univ. of Maine Math Science give a very inspiration talk about TRIO. We were treated with media. 2 TV stations Bridget and others did the most media coverage thus far that for at least as long as Tony has been doing it.

36 students joined back at UMA after the event and they were treated to a tour and UMA fed them, had a family feud game Lots of positive feedback it meant allot to the Admissions office and was very grateful for the feedback.

**Membership** - Lena/Teri

Individual Membership List -Review and make corrections if needed.

Program Membership List - Need to review your online

membership record and contact Lena with any correction needed.

Casey will send out directions on how to access the database.

## Constitutional amendments - Teri

### Bylaws Review

Question about section #2 does the executive committee include the President? Answered Yes.

Question will Past President still be the State liaison? answered: Yes.

Question clarification about the President to fill the Pres. elect position until filled? Answered Yes the president will fill that role until a president- elect position is filled.

Dave, Kelly, Steve and Teri worked on the re-writes that started 2 years ago. Some of the clarifications make more sense. Comments were “good job” and “thank you”

Jane motions to approve the changes to the bi-laws 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Meguire Voted on-and Approved!

### New Business

Al Parks has resigned from the board and is in full support, but is fully enjoying retirement.

Pres elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Conference

Dory nominated Ginny Fowles-Ward for Treasurer, Steve Visco 2<sup>nd</sup>

Steve proposed to accept the slate by acclimation. Dory 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted on and Approved!

### Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs for 2016-17

President - Laurie Davis

Past President – Teri Morse

President Elect - OPEN

Treasurer – OPEN

Secretary - Nominated Cote Theriault (Kelly Ilseman/ Becky Colannino)

Conference Chair – OPEN

Membership – Lena Michaud

Public Relations/Hall of Flags – Tony Staffiere

Factbook-Steve Visco

Technology – Casey Henderson

Government Relations/Fair Share – David Megquier

Development - OPEN

Alumni – Michelle Richards

MELI – Steve Visco/Teri Morse

Steve announces that the Leadership Institute will be offered again next year. It's a terrific training it is \$500 MEEOA will help support Maine participants going.

Teri's last meeting with the whole group thanked everyone for their support. Ginny wanted to recognize all of Teri's hard work over her presidency and thank her for all the hard work!

Steve moves to adjourn Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>

Adjourn