

MEEOA meeting

In Attendance:

Mary Kate Barbosa, Patrick Blanchette, Dori Fellman, Andrew Henry, Karen Keim, Dave Megquier, Eric Pratt, Michelle Richards, Shelbie Ross, Tony Staffiere,

Call In:

Past Presidents Report: Dori Fellman the past year was enlightening, a quick year.

Treasurers Report: See attached report and spreadsheet. Generated more at conference than in past, less money made at auction, we made more than we thought we would.

Looking for conference sponsorship of coffee breaks this year from Development committee.

Came in 4,244.91 over what was projected. The expenses for this meeting will occur in the current budget rather than next year.

Recommends quick books be discontinued since there are so many ways to do it.

DF: Makes a motion to do the books in excel and purchase quick books.

DM Second motion:

Discussion NONE

Motion passed unanimous.

MEEOA webpage URL, will talk to Casey to see if we owe for the URL.

Blank template for billing from webmaster.

Lucy Jones training for UB and SSS programs. Billed 3,000, projects will be paying \$300 per program. Should make 1,500 for the association.

Phishing is still happening for the association.

Discussion: What is the Ex Travel? Committee members coming to meeting.

Dori; Motion to accept the treasures report be filed for audit and records.

Eric second motion.

Incoming President Mary Kate, by report is reflected in the agenda. Michelle has asked to focus time on Alumni to help fight the battle and to make this a priority of the board this year. It's important to discuss what our major goals are for the year. Would like to get younger staff and members to participate on the board. Wants us to get a "little sister" (like a sorority) please get people involved in our committees.

Government relations, I will need help. I'm a flat style of membership.

Secretary minutes from June 15th.

Karen motion that we accept the minutes as written.

Andrew seconded motion

Discussion: correct Tony's last name

Mary Kate will ask the secretary to distribute minutes. Please make attempt to get your minutes to the secretary for distribution to the board.

Six Vote to accept

One abstained.

Nicole UMA might co-chair conference

Jane Kimball Foley call in with COE update:

- 4.25% increase for GAN, spoke to Kim Jones and Katie Brown
- Talking points came from Kim: COE will be fighting increase numbers because that isn't an increase must maintain the numbers throughout the grant cycle regardless of the funding if it were to change in the following years. Several senators had sent letter to oppose the increase in number.
- 90-100% of the numbers COE thinks that they accept the money. COE wants us to take the money. Not a good precedent to turn down money.
- Hoping that senator Collins attach an amendment to the Omnibus bill. Long shot
- May 2018 congress provided increase
- August 4.25% increase.
- Department continues to circumvent congress.

The minutes at the annual meeting did not reflect the vote on the slate. To clarify the intention of the MEEOA body an electronic vote via survey monkey. Karen Keim will create the survey for the position Mary and Patrick to be elected. Mary Kate will send Karen an electronic copy of the slate.

First Generation Day is November 8th Nickita Gagon volunteered to create a logo. Was a graphic designer in her previous life. We need to get that from her Mary Kate hasn't heard back from her.

Eric will ask Lynn & Marilyn to ask to send the planning information to get some ideas. Each campus is doing their own thing. Lets do the same branding across programs. No event is planned from the association.

Strategic plan –

Conference report: Shelbie, needs a co-chair the date January 7&8 a Monday and Tuesday.

Starting time is later because of travel. Add something Sunday for people who do come down.

Square for electronic payment will be

No on-sight registration - push back on this. Think that will be an issue.

Patrick would like you to update your membership

Hall of Flags looking for T or Th in late March for the 2 part full day event, speakers, advocacy tabling 2nd half of the day will be speech by Jon Henry. No page

Policy March 24-27 2019 he will stay away from those dates. NEOA is April 3-5 in Warwick Rhode Island. Grant writing for SSS in April

PR 2018 momentum is the key to public relations. Revitalize the approach. Gear UP week is coming Dori will send him something. pushing out the platforms.

Michelle what do you want to do? Do stuff. Start with vision and dream and then get people involved.

Dave we have a structure for support levels, and there are benefits for the donors. Annual association levels, recognized at events, signage and yearbook. Wants it all to go through him so they get the recognition. Letter that goes out to conditions out. Dave will send letter to attach with the minutes.

Dave will work with conference committee to coordinate, the event. They need to be smoozed and bring the new people in the organization to help them usher in. UCU & FAME .

We lost a sponsor Camden National, TDBank Creative Print Services were suggested as sponsors

Fairshare 155% Maine the NEOA donation was given to NH this year. FS year July -June.

Dates to remember

MEEOA January 6&7

Policy March 24-27 2019

NEOA April 3-5, 2019

November 8 First Gen Day

October 4 9-11, virtual meeting

November 7 1-3, virtual mtg

December 6 10-12, virtual mtg

January 7, 8:30 at Black Bear Inn before the conference

February 7, 9-11 virtual

March 7, 1-3 virtual

April during conference

May 7, 1-3 virtual

June 4, 10-2 UMA location

Dave adjourn

Patrick second
Meeting adjourned 2:10