

# MINUTES

Maine Educational Opportunity Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Google Hangout

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*November 7, 2018 | 1:00-2:08PM*

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## Members Present:

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Mary Kate Barbosa | Dori Fellman | Karen Keim | Michelle Richards | Shelbie Ross | Mary Sinclair | Tony Staffiere

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- Welcome- Mary Kate
- Call to Order- Mary Kate
- Officer Reports
  - Past President Report- Dori
    - No luck finding President Elect.
    - **Will email membership pleading, again.**
  - Treasurer's report- Patrick
    - Patrick was not present but had no new business to report.
  - Secretary's minutes- Mary Sinclair
    - Nothing to specifically report, other than the minutes from the last meeting.
  - President- Mary Kate Barbosa
  - Vote to Accept Minutes October 4, 2018 Meeting
    - Motion to accept minutes- Tony
    - Second- Dori
    - Unanimously accepted
  - Vote to Accept Treasurer's report
  - Vote to Appoint/ Confirm New Board
    - **Dori will send the slate, as is, to the membership for voting**
- Committee Reports
  - Conference – Shelbie
    - Confirmed Keynote: Yellow Light Breen from Maine Development Foundation
    - UMA and Husson are top sponsors
    - Have a logo and theme
    - Registration Opened Nov 1, as of yesterday there were 16 people registered

- Shelbie is working on the schedule
  - She has good help at this point and will let the board know when she needs more help.
- Membership- Kate
  - Not present but sent a report.
  - Will email board members who have not paid their MEEEOA membership yet.
- Hall of Flags/PR- Tony
  - Hall of Flags is March 20
  - First Gen Day is tomorrow (Nov 8)
    - Send any campus information or coverage of the event to Tony (logos, pics, agenda, etc).
    - Tony is willing to help with any media coverage: arranging it or helping coordinate it.
  - Some campuses and programs do not do much as far as promotion or interaction. Tony would love to have more involvement from everyone.
    - **Karen has a database of directors she can share. She updates her list every year.**
    - **Mary Kate will reach out to program directors Tony identifies and ask them to get in touch with Tony.**
  - **Tony will think about starting a newsletter for a quarterly or bi-annual basis. He would need input and information sent to him.**
- Alumni- Michelle
  - Achiever and Rising Star awards! 4 awards will be given at the conference.
  - Nominations can go out immediately, deadline to return will be Dec. 7. Banquet will be during MEEEOA Conference on Jan 7.
- Development- Karen
  - Conference sponsors: UMA-\$1,000; Husson-\$500; Paradigm Shift is considering \$250 sponsorship and an activity at the conference; Machias Savings is considering; Penobscot Financial has been approached
  - If all board members are paid, a grant from Walmart can be applied for.
- Government Relations-Eric Pratt/ Karen
  - Eric sent a report before the meeting.
  - Mary Kate had updates from Jane Kimball Foley, in response to the mid-term elections:
    - Because the US House of Representatives flipped, all subcommittees will not have Democratic Chairpersons, including and especially the Subcommittee on Education.
    - Maine now has a Democratic Governor. Sen King has always been a supporter of TRIO. The Golden and Poliquin race has not been decided. Poliquin has been a supporter of the UMPI UB program. Golden would need an education of TRIO!

- Fair Share- Andrew
  - Not present and nothing sent ahead of time.
- New Business
  - Jim Davis letter regarding financial eligibility
    - Starting next year, Prior-Prior Year will be an acceptable source for determining eligibility.
  - Rising Star/Achiever Awards
    - These were already discussed by Michelle.
    - Dory Awards can be submitted. There is a form.
  - Special Dates
    - Already noted Hall of Flags and First Gen Day. TRIO Day is Feb 21-22 in New Hampshire.
  - Storing Data
    - Mary talked with Casey about using the MEEOA Drive more. It has not been looked at much in several years. She will at least store minutes and reports in that Drive, and see what else can be updated or cleaned up.
  - First Generation Day
    - Mary Kate talked to Nikita about the logo and making something everyone in the state can use.
    - Many campuses are not connected well with this. Perhaps MEEOA could help provide some resources, ideas, or way of connecting for those programs whose campuses are not supporting.
  - Grant Writing
    - NEOA is offering a session on Nov 27 in New Hampshire. Mary Kate asked Karen Madden to offer a streaming option for the further remote programs.
- Closing.