

MEEOA State Business Meeting
April 4, 2022
NEOA: Portsmouth, NH, 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM

PARTICIPANTS: 39 people in membership present

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
Welcome and Opening		
Call to Order	2:53 PM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action Item: Approve Agenda 	Mary presented the agenda for the April Business meeting. Andrew Long motioned to approve it. Dori Fellman seconded. All but one in favor, which was an abstention.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action Item: Approve minutes 	January MEEOA state meeting minutes sent out by email earlier for feedback. No changes. Kate Walsh motioned to approve. Dory Fellman seconded. No discussions or changes. All voting members present approved except three abstentions. No oppositions.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action Item: 		
Officers' Reports		
President's Report: Sam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sam absent so Mary presented for her ● Attended NEOA board meetings ● Attended COE Policy in March ● Met with aides from Collins, Pingree, Golden and King's offices 	
Past-President's Report: Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successful policy seminar; joined by Doris Juarez, Kate Michaud, Monique Mills and all three did fantastic job as alum of sharing their stores. Met with Pingree's aid virtually. Sam moderated the table and introduced Collins to the conference. New legislative aide at Golden's office who was very receptive during virtual meeting. MEEOA staff included Sam Prosser, Terry Charlton and Chris Vogel. NEOA 	

	<p>helped supplement the cost with funds and used credits from last year's missed flights. They welcomed Collins as the featured speaker and had great visits, including half an hour with King who was very engaged.</p>	
<p>President-Elect's Report: Terry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended policy and gained so much from Mary's guidance and leadership. ● Got involved because she wants to see more community college engagement on the board. Thank you to MEEOA for being generous and helpful and thankful to NEOA for her AMLI experience. Has worked in TRIO since 2001 and feels a calling, proud to be part of this community. ● Policy was outside of comfort zone but worthwhile and transformative. Stories of alumni were strong and seeing COE work as a machine was impressive. 	
<p>Treasurer's Report: Nik</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nik absent but shared report. In March of 22, he did some deep dives into historical data to see how we are trending. Higher this year than in past but not too far off. ● Budget recap: showed 20-21 recap and current 21-22 budget. Had more income from conference than expected. \$3,622 for membership. Kate and Nik working hard on tracking memberships and finding Paypal to be a useful tool. Currently a little over budget but will get several amounts coming in from grants and NEOA that will affect final numbers. Conference expenses came in well under budget. Some bubble wrap left over, FYI. ● Had a question about COE that's been an ongoing discussion. Often the donation is made in June right at the end of the COE fiscal year; this past year they discussed as a board and decided to make the donation in July, after the MEEOA fiscal year and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●

	<p>having met Fair Share for that year. Giving \$5,000 in July hit COE's new year but MEEOA's old budget. Brian Post's presentation showing Maine's donation includes last year's donation, but the board has not discussed this year yet. Policy may cost more, so the bank total may go down, and that might affect how much we donate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comment made by member about historically not making the donation based on meeting fair share and only based on supporting advocacy efforts. Concerned that this disincentivizes individual giving. Recommendation made to ask COE to lower Maine's Fair Share goal for 10/10 since many of those directors who used to give are now retired. Another member asked for more discussion about the "why" behind giving \$5,000 and if it's just because that's the way it's always been done and if we should continue, especially with a lot of newer professionals in Maine TRIO programs. Mary welcomed members to join the May or June board meetings to join the conversation if interested. ● Suggestion made to table budget discussion since Nik was absent and membership didn't feel comfortable voting to accept the report. Group consensus was to table. 	
Secretary's Report: Alyssa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report 	
Standing Committee Reports		
Alumni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Starting engagement race for this spring. Will be another prize available. Building up registry and starting to utilize list to engage alumni for events, conferences, and ways to give back. Question asked about intention of the list and use of names. Answer was to engage more, invite to be on career panels, etc., not for asking for money, only advocacy and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●

	<p>engagement. Question asked about inviting alumni to be on a committee even if not working for TRIO, and the answer was yes.</p>	
Conference: Kelsey & Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not many updates. Planning for 2023 to be in person but not much decided yet. Putting together a survey for membership to get input on what people want. If anyone is interested in joining, they don't need to be on the board. Would love more representation from community colleges and private schools. Will send email to list. 	●
Development: Andrew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Received donation from FAME to print factbooks. Will be reaching out to last year's sponsors, sending factbooks if we have copies, and trying to continue developing relationships, which has been hard the past couple of years with budgetary restraints and being virtual. No opportunities for donors to table. ● Continuing to develop list of partners. Talked with board about not targeting sponsorships just on the conference but also for other purposes as well, including policy. ● Invited people to join the committee; don't have to ask for money, just having conversations and brainstorm or make connections. Will send email out to membership. 	●
Government Relations: Chris and Aaron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chris present; had a great time at policy, very lucky to have Senators who are very supportive of TRIO. They're very interested in students and love hearing success stories, so sharing any time we can is very helpful. All four members asked about sending letters of support to our institutions about grant writing. ● Question asked by UM about taking a group of students to DC. Would like to invite an aide to come to campus and set up a meeting while in DC. 	

	<p>Wondered if that should be coordinated through Gov Rel. Chris suggested being looped in but not needing to go through them necessarily.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary suggested having a coordinated effort around inviting them to visit. If people have thoughts on this, please let Aaron and Chris know. 	
Membership: Kate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 paid program memberships. No unpaid. 77 renewed individual memberships paid, 11 unpaid. Asked people to reach out if unsure about theirs being paid. 	
Public Relations/ TRIO and GEAR UP Advocacy Day Chair: Tony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last order of business in final meeting in this role. Asked everyone to give standing ovation to Casey Henderson for his work running everything behind the scenes for two years of remote operation. Thank you to Deb McCann and Mary and Sam for support last two years. • Second year in a row running a virtual Advocacy Day. Next year should be in person. Virtual operation has added some twists and new ideas. Lost ability to extend the day with event at UMA but had a panel and could have used even more time. Senator Rafferty was supposed to give keynote but was in midst of legislation on a bill. Offered to speak for 2023. Went more smoothly this year, with credit going to programs who sent information and shared/liked/commented on social media. Thank you to COE and US Senators who mentioned MEEOA on their social media platforms. 	
Ad-Hoc Committee Reports		
Technology: Casey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casey served on annual conference committee and worked on virtual conference. Worked with Tony on Advocacy Day and Kate on membership tracking in order to make lists easier to access. Worked on regular website updates as needed. 	

Leadership Development: vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	
Factbook: Elyse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elyse rehailed the factbook and did a great job. Will create a timeline for next year to coincide with APR submissions so it's easier to collect. Thank you to FAME for donating funds to print. 	
Fair Share: Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Absent; no report during meeting 	
Old Business		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MEEOA PD: Kelsey working on PD day on May 20th; save the date email went out and formal registration expected soon. Will be at EMCC in Bangor and lunch will be provided. 	
New Business		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Voting in a new slate as listed below. Other positions not voted on by membership but rather president puts forth a slate for positions and the board votes. Mary will continue to be the nomination person until September, at which point Sam fills that role. ● President Elect: Katharine Lualdi ● President: Terry Charlton ● Secretary: Alyssa West (nobody else volunteered) ● Treasurer: Nik Lalemand (nobody else volunteered) ● Karen Keim recommended we vote to approve the slate as a whole. Dory Fellman seconded. Mary asked if any discussion, and there was none. Mary suggested we do a hand raise vote. All in favor, none opposed and no abstentions. ● Karen Keim mentioned that NEOA will be asking someone to chair the conference and asked if anyone was interested. Many details already worked out for the venue and contract signed. Bridget Mullen nominated Ginny Ward and Mary Sinclair. 	

	<p>Michelle Richards also mentioned she would interested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">●	
Adjourn Meeting	<p>Mary asked for motion to adjourn at 3:49 PM; Karen Keim motioned, Kate Walsh seconded. All in favor. None opposed and no abstentions.</p>	