

**MEEOA State Meeting
Black Bear Inn & Conference Center
January 7, 2015**

In Attendance

50 members in attendance today

***A HUGE THANK YOU to Husson for annual sponsorship at \$1,000,
Machias Savings Bank for \$500 conference sponsorship,
and Camden National Bank for \$250 coffee break sponsorship!***

Call to Order

Action: Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Bridget, Second: Daniel

Secretary's Report

Action: Acceptance of April 2014 Meeting Minutes (not available)

The April minutes will be sent out electronically by Kelly when received

Subcommittee check-in

President –Kelly 5013C development, alumni and development, the MEEOA conference, Nomination forms they will be attending the conference> Still need to contact COE to register ONE will be free, Sean Cote-molecular Biology and excited to share his experiences>> and Bill Powers PhD in capital management> works for Dept of Homeland security in DC> chief of staff and senior advisor, 16th-17th in DC

Leadership/Membership update> Received money from NEOA to increase membership applied for a matching grant from COE.

Upcoming goals: Register for policy seminar, Get TRIO days off to a great start, Opening for president elect and Conference co-chairs looking forward to filling those.

Past-President – Chris

Looking for people to fill the open positions on the board, conference co-chairs and President elect Chris is asking everyone to consider these positions! Thank you to Michelle for her alumni efforts and moving forward with connecting with alumni. Looked at Strategic plans, there is no Line item for Money for the Alumni. We have money for professional development but not money for alum. Suggesting for people to consider adding \$250 amount for Alumni and have it be a matching grant.

Steve- this is a great idea have Dan and Teri add it into next years budget. Lynn- is concerned about the matching component about it.

Karen- fabulous idea also, alum are great with the congressional efforts and its great to put some money backing it.

Discussion about is the professional development money used for this year?? Yes it has been used which is why it has been suggested to add a line item in the future budget in April

President-Elect – Teri (not in attendance)

Kelly reported that Teri is very excited to start as president next year and might be reaching out to individuals to fill open board positions!

Membership – Becky (Not in attendance)

59-members- 49 paid

74 total members

Treasurer - Dan

Snapshot of budget as of right now, Conference and membership are both where they were expected to be to get to the income proposed and planned for. Dave and Al a big thank you to both for to the efforts of fundraising. Has to write a check for the Black Bear Inn later today.

MEEOA Board funded \$500 to Restorative Justice fund. Last year we had about \$2,000 over our reserves so it was proposed to use some extra funds to increase donations to COE from \$1,000 to \$3,000. We also wanted to support attendance to the Arnold Mitchum Leadership institute so some money went towards that. Current Balance \$18,301.20 we are in good shape at this time of year.

Development - Alan/Dave

Machias Savings was brought on board as a MEEOA sponsor with another \$500 to come in additional funds.

Question asked if we have asked Thomas College to sponsor MEEOA, but Thomas is helping with TRIO Days and is an institutional member already and we don't want to over ask institutions.

Camden National sponsored our Coffee break and are very happy to be working with us and will be continuing to support us. Husson University is a great sponsor as our annual sponsorship of \$1,000 as well.

Fair Share – Dave

Maine is one of 6 states that earned a free policy seminar. There are Fair Share forms on each table. Our state has traditionally done well meeting its fair share. Challenges are even greater and the burden is getting greater now that Congress is led by Republicans. Please do what you can to help out.

Government Relations – Dave

Kim gave a good briefing this morning, Bruce Poliquinn will be our main focus meeting with him Jan 26th in Portland. Randy Schroder has been a Very active person in our associations for many years, relationship building is huge and makes a huge impact for TRIO wanted to says thank you to Randy for all his efforts.

Alumni – Michelle

Was very pleased with the Alumni banquet last night!! Big thanks to Casey and Kelly because there is a Now an alumni Database up and running. There are 19

registered. We cannot add alum but they can add themselves! A huge thank you for all the nominations received.

Hall of Flags – Tony

Wed March 4th 8:30-12:30

Wanted to have a little bit more this year, going to have a speaker speak to the students this year. Encourage to send students for this event and RSVP for those going to attend.

TRIO Days (Feb 19-20, 2015) – Tony

525 registrants so far! It is capped at 650 Registration is up on the NEOA website. It is a chance for professionals and students to get together and celebrate the successes!

Public Relations – Karen

NEOA funding happens at the conference BUT there is an on-line auction called “bidding for goods” that anyone can bid on! Asking for donations for this auction the biggest sellers are certificates and vacation get-always, always looking donations and new ideas.

NEOA-TRIO achiever deadline is Jan 30th please consider nominations some of your students

Serving on the National COE committee Maine has gotten allot of attention for PR please remember to mention TRIO in all PR.

Webmaster – Casey

Cleaned up some outdated content, clean up some outdated information. If you need something on the website contact Casey directly. Helped make a Alumni database. Serving on various planning committee’ on the state and regional levels.

Other Business

Recognize Steve Visco on the Fact-Book great job with that so far. He still needs the Upward bound info. Will be sending out an e-mail to gather that.

Constitutional amendment – Dave

Claire and Dave are the 2 left that helped put the constitution together originally. Has been amended over the years, the ad- hoc members in development, technology, alumni, and membership are not able to vote. Hoping to amend the constitution to all these positions ability to vote as board members. Plan on Holding a vote electronically.

Motion to adjourn> Darylen, Second Daniel

Adjourn