

NEOA Board Meeting 2008-2009

Date: Monday, March 30, 2009

Location: Wentworth, New Castle, New Hampshire:

Members Present: Donna Thompson, Karen Madden, Tracy Karasinski, Dani Adler, Maria Dintino, Steve Visco, Monda Kelley, Kwasi Gyambibi, Anglea Quintadamo, Carolyn Julian, Channa Srey, Sarah Lynn Sockalexis, Jennifer Buckley, Dan Gordon, Eric Klein, Karen McGovern, Deb McCann, Ramon Gonzalez, Sarah Morrell, Paul Lynski, Lillie Squires-Wright, Casey Henderson, Sigh Searles. Anne St. Pierre, Migdalia Gomez.

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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Call to Order 8:43</b>		
<b>Role Call Monda Kelley</b>	We have a quorum	
<b>Secretary's Report Monda Kelley</b>	January Minutes: Finance committee report: change early bird registration from \$345 – to \$300. Universal Design.	Motion for November Karen Madden Second Deb  Motion to accept the minutes for the January Meeting: Sarah Morrell Second: Dan Gordon Abstention: Carolyn Julian
<b>Finance Committee Report Deb McCann</b>	If you need reimbursement for Policy Seminar, talk to Steve Visco. This has been a good year fiscally. The biggest issue is the development money in that we have none. We have been fortunate to put \$10,000 in development last year. If there are contacts for funding or if board members know of anyone who can underwrite programs, please let Deb McCann know, and she will follow-up.	Please let Deb McCann know if there is any information of if there are people or programs that may want to underwrite programs.

	<p>We received a donation from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters and the Collegeboard donated conference bags for attendees and lunch bags for presenters.</p>	
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> <b>Steve Visco</b></p>	<p>Steve Visco distributed the budget and noted that the Leadership Institute's \$7,000 was reflected in last year's budget.</p> <p>Sarah Morrell stated that all but one of the Tim Shriver scholarships has been applied for and distributed.</p> <p>Annual conference expenses were from last year's conference. Conference budget for this year will be distributed at June meeting. We exceeded expectations for our budget for Trio Day. Ann St. Pierre did a wonderful job at securing hotels and changing dates for TRiO Day.</p> <p>It is important to reserve payment for next year TRiO Day.</p> <p>The use of Pay Pal needs to be approved by the Board.</p>	<p>Karen Madden made a Motion to approve the Pay pal line to take care of membership and conference fees. Sarah Morrell second Item passes:</p> <p>Tracy Karasinski made a: Motion to accept treasures report as presented.</p> <p>Jennifer Buckley second Item passed.</p>
<p><b>President's Report</b> <b>Donna Thompson</b></p>	<p>Washington: Counsel provided very positive support. Obama is pushing for Pell as an entitlement. Research shows that it isn't just money, students also need academic, social encouragement; they need TRiO support.</p> <p>Steve Visco, and Casey Henderson have developed a computer system that allowed people to go on-line to report information from states as they met on the Hill during the Policy Seminar. Donna publically recognize Steve Visco and Casey Henderson for their innovative computer programming abilities.</p> <p>Dan Gordon stated that statistics show that only 21% of student's complete college with Pell support; they still need to take out money from other places. This is a very powerful argument. It was one of the best arguments ever seen by COE. Students need more than just Pell, they need programs like Trio in order to complete programs.</p>	

**Carol Jillian** said that the Policy Seminar occurred during a time when President Obama had not submitted final budget. It is that there will be calls to action. It will be crucial that people contact their representatives. This is the year that there is a real possibility to get the increase to help “solve the economy”. It is also a time when it will be critical to get states to make e-mails appeals.

Sarah Morrell and Casey Henderson are in the process of putting together a section on the NEOA website that will assist in contacting the State Representatives. Steve Visco said that we need to follow-up with phone calls. He said that Senator Snow, received many e-mails and that helped with the decisions. COE also provided information that TRiO works, ex: Upward Bound, Math, and Science students are more likely to graduate from college.

Dan Gordon said that in 2008 -2009 there was a re-examination of Mathematica data and was found flawed and it was determined that Upward Bound is very effective.. Some of this information will be on line on COE website.

Donna Thompson stated that 120 million was requested and the deadline is this week, and follow-up is critical. She said that we need to work on the conservative democrats and really follow-up with President Obama. There were people who were reluctant to sign on because they weren't sure what the budget was going to represent.

Donna Thompson also stated that Dr. Mitchem didn't like the idea of state block grants as a way for states to come up with ideas for retention. He believes that we do not want money to go to the states, because solidarity for students will be lost at the national level. He also said that there is an emphasis on new and innovative ideas for retention.

	<p><b>Highlights:</b> Donna asked people to reflect on highlights of the year on NEOA board and what they see as next steps for the next meeting.</p> <p>Things to work on for next year will include: Finance, Alumni, Transition, History, Strategic plan and getting ready for the next year, TRiO day, contracts, logistical issues, working with different committees.</p> <p>How we can use technology more efficiently? It would be beneficial to have a link on the website that will have vital information for programs. Donna is working on a matrix on what should happen when.</p> <p>There were many highlights, Policy Seminar, technology, committees, beginning of newsletter, and updating Alumni information.</p>	
<p><b>Past-President's Report</b> Tracy Karasinski</p>	<p>In annual report</p>	
<p><b>President-Elect's Report</b> Karen Madden</p>	<p>Karen madden is looking for any contributions for Fair Share- even five dollars from the board. Karen has donation forms. There is also an option to donate on-line. We are looking for 100% donation from the NEOA board. Vermont is the only state that has met or exceeded their Fair Share goal. Just because we have reached the goal, it does not mean that we are going to stop. Please donate \$5.00. The talent competition is also part of the NEOA Fair Share Competition. People who give a donation to Fair Share will receive a packet of Green Mountain Coffee.</p> <p>Steve Visco mentioned the pizza party Maine had for employees, and Jennifer Jones said that they also did this and received 99% donation response from the staff who participated.</p> <p>Donna is going to challenge Past Presidents at the Past President Dinner to donate \$1000</p> <p>.</p>	

	<p>Break it down and ask that each office member donate so the goal would be 75%.</p> <p>Tom Mortonson has given the council a major donation. Please talk up this individual and ask for a subscription to his work.</p> <p>NEOA Conference Dates 2010: Cape Codder, April 5 – 10, We get a block of dates for possibilities.</p> <p>TRiO day is in Vermont and it will be at the Sheraton.</p>	
<p><b>Vice-President's Report</b>          Maria Dintino, Dani Adler</p>	<p>Maria and Dani went over conference details.</p>	
<p><b>Development</b></p>		
<p><b>Legislation and Education</b></p>		
<p><b>State Initiatives</b></p>		
<p><b>Professional Development</b></p>		
<p><b>Membership</b></p>		
<p><b>NEOA Achiever Alumni Report</b></p>		
<p><b>Strategic Planning</b></p>		

<b>Technology</b>		
<b>Public Relations</b>		
<b>TRiO Day</b> Anne St. Pierre		
<b>Leadership Institute</b> Sigh Searles	<p>There is a suggestion out that LI become a bi-yearly program. This year's program was terrific. There were a few expenses that need to come in. Sigh is still awaiting a contract.</p> <p>Next year: Sigh would like to recruit as usual and then possibly roll the participants for next year into the 2011 LI. If there are not enough applicants to fill the 10 participant slot. Steve suggested that if there aren't enough participants to run next year, that a LI Strand be part of the conference workshops next year. The cost is 1,000 per participants. It wasn't an issue this year to come up with the money this year. There may be an issue with next year. But let's recruit and see what we get.</p> <p>The year book is going to be presented at the Leadership Institute Reception this year. There is hope that alumni will attend. Wednesday, from 6:00 – 7:00. There is a graduation ceremony, and many of graduates were selected as moderators. They are also doing something at the talent Show. The emphasis was on curriculum and skill sets not presentations of workshops during the conference.</p> <p>Donna wanted to congratulate the graduates and Sigh for his work with this program. Sigh said the evaluations were strong.</p> <p>Sigh is going to go ahead and try to recruit. Deb feels that the cost was to make it a self-sustaining program. Maybe when we work on the budget in June we need to budget.</p> <p>Shelly Saunders is willing to support some of the costs of the Leadership Institute. They did underwrite the association for \$15,000.</p>	
<b>Connecticut Jennifer Buckley</b>	<p>State version of policy seminar. The important component was the in meeting with the state leaders. And that happened in February.</p> <p>Donna wants to thank Jennifer Buckley for all of her assistance.</p>	

<b>Maine</b>	In annual report	
<b>Massachusetts Channa Srey</b>	TRiO mapping project. I interactive map with pop-up and contact information. One map will be on paper to hand out to state leaders. So that the public can learn more about where programs are located. Program will roll out in June. Student at UMASS Lowell who is working on it Channa will contact him to see if he can share information on how to put this program together.	
<b>New Hampshire</b>	In annual report	
<b>Rhode Island</b>	In annual report	
<b>Vermont</b>	In annual report	
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>News letter: Migdalia Gomez</b>	<p>Distributed news letter. She is asking people to submit information to the news letter; She is looking for short articles. To let membership know about the news letter. Also looking for people to possibly join a committee to assist with the news letter.</p> <p>Channa Srey said that the only way he can submit articles for the news letter is by calling them or asking in person..</p> <p>Deb McCann suggests that Migdalia ask presidents and state liaisons for articles and stories.</p> <p>Sarah Morrell suggested that is could be as simple as a link.</p> <p>Dan Gordon suggested a design revamp and creates a visual image that is fresh and exciting.</p> <p>Steve: Pictures are helpful.</p> <p>Donna Thompson suggested a monthly call out to programs for photos for the newsletter.</p> <p>Donna would like to thank Migdalia for all of her assistance with the newsletter.</p>	
<b>Adjourn 11:41</b>		<p>Motion adjourn. – Dan Gordon</p> <p>Second Steve Visco.</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned</p>

<b>Additional Comments:</b>		
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