

**New England Opportunity Association
Delegate Assembly Meeting
New Castle, New Hampshire
April 3, 2009**

Call to Order: Donna Thompson

Time:

Secretary's Report: Monda Kelley

Minutes from the April 2008 Delegate Assembly in Westbrook, Connecticut were distributed for review.

Motion to accept minutes: Anne St. Pierre

Second: Sarah Morrell

Vote to Approve: motion carries

Treasurer's Report – Steve Visco

Finance year Sept 1 – August 31 2007

Accountants report indicated that there were no findings

+ 27,803.00 most of that has been deposited

Goal to have a one year reserve. This past year, we were able to put 10,000 toward that.

_ spending in reserve account we have 63,000

Highlights:

We are half way through the year.

TRiO day

First time implemented on-line payment through pay pal. It worked very well.

We are considering making paypal the recommended means of payment.

Underwriting: Fortunate to have a generous donation from MEEFA of 2500. would like to thank Paul Lynski for that donation. We need to expand our underwriting base. Patty Gregson is our development chair and would be happy to receive ideas in regard to development.

Motion to accept the finance report:

Evette Layne – motion

Reggie Jean second

Last year's issue with Financial report and those issues have since been resolved.

President's Report:

Donna-

Discussed the highlights of the year.

Strategic planning went well.

Education and State legislation: remains an important part of the board's program initiatives.

Development has been a challenging year and we are going to continue to work to see what we can do to continue to develop programming.

Credentials: going well we are looking to continue with use of pay pal.

Professional Development: going well

Technology: going well, Pay pal has been instituted and we are working on further webpage development.

Trio Day: Went very well,

Leadership Institute: We are going to be honoring our Leadership Institute graduates this year. We are going to continue to recruit and hope to continue with the program next year.

President's report:

Pleased with the role members played in Reauthorization. The New England McNair community have started to form a union and support each other. That is a new stronger program. It is important also to continue to foster relationship with GEAR UP, and they are interested in joining NEOA Conference with a joint conference.

Reggie Jean and Ramon Gonzalez have been working on FACEBOOK to include our Alums in the continuing programming of the association.

Planning with Strategic plan to include a matrix of what is required for each of the board members. Please look at the strategic plan.

Dani Adler – Maria Dintino –

Conference: We had 29 workshops. During SSS professional development meeting, we asked SSS program participants what they wanted to see in regard to learning.

Trio Achievers: we had more than 240 Silent Auction items:

Special Thanks were presented to individuals who helped with the conference.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

We are in very challenging times and NEOA continues to be a leader in regard to national support to COE. Aspire has challenged NEOA to a Fair Share competition. Donna suggested that we consider the four tier approach to Fair Share contributions.

Tier 1 - ask half of the Past- Presidents to contribute 1000.

Tier 2 – Regionally – talent show, Five dollar donation for coffee

Tier 3 – State level – Institutional membership. If anyone is in the situation where their institution is considering not funding institutional membership, Donna will share her letter as a cheat sheet for people to use as they approach their institutions.

Tier 4 – We have a campaign where 75% of the personnel in our offices make a contribution to Fair Share.

Donna Reorganized the NEOA board

Tracy Karasinski – Elections:

Officers for 2009-2010 to begin in September:

Nominations from the floor:

There were no nominations from the floor:

President Elect:

Reggie Jean

Vice- President:

Christian Sweeny- Moore

Conference: Co-chair: Anjil

Treasurer:

Steve Visco

Secretary:

Terry Callahan

Dan Gorden move to accept slate as presented

Evette Layne Second

Motion to adjourn:

Matt Mitchell

Second: Adaline Mirabal

So moved

Meeting adjourned 5:00