

New England Educational Opportunity Association  
2011-2012 Board of Directors Meeting

Stoweflake Spa and Resort  
Stowe, VT

April 3, 2012

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1:30pm – 2:00 pm **NEOA Official Board of Directors Meeting**

Call to Order

**Action:** Approval of Agenda

Secretary's Report

**Action:** Approval of November 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

**Action:** Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Past President's Report

President's Report

**Action:** Approval of NEOA Award nominees

President-Elect's Report- position vacant

Vice-President's Report

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2:00 – 3:00 pm State Reports:

- Connecticut
  - Maine
  - Massachusetts
  - New Hampshire
  - Rhode Island
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- Vermont

Committee Reports:

- TRIO Day
- NEOA Achiever

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Old Business

- Acknowledgement of Pati Gregson's Resignation from Presidency

New Business

- Acknowledgement of Evette Layne's Ascension to Presidency
- Leadership Institute

Adjourn

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniela Adler, Jess Berry, Margaret Coan, Allison Cox, Dori Fellman,  
Virginia Fowles-Ward, Tammy Gewehr, Ramon Gonzalez, Andrew Goodwin,  
Casey Henderson, Jennifer Jones, Monda Kelley, Julie Kimball,  
Evette Layne, Karen Madden, Laura Mielke, Sarah Morrell, Angela Quitadamo, Gail Sydney, Steve Visco, Rick Williams

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MEMBERS ABSENT:

Coleman, Charles Desmond, Reggie Jean, Kwasi Gyambibi, Sue Keefe, Paul Lynskey, Nella Signorella, Rebecca Sonn

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la Item	Discussion	Action
<b>o Order</b>	Evette called meeting to order at 3:30p Added Leadership Institute to agenda	Drew motione approve agend Jess seconded <b>Motion carrie</b>
<b>Call</b>	See Present/Absent Member list above-	
<b>tary's rt</b>	Approval of February 16, 2012 Board Meeting minutes- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NEOA Award nominee's names omitted.</li> <li>• Vote happened during conference call on 2/16/2012</li> </ul>	Sarah motione approve, Jess seconded <b>Motion carrie</b>
<b>urer's rt</b>	Julie- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRiO Day – is nearly closed. Hotel (\$1,459.43) and other costs (\$12,720.55) appear high because some costs were paid directly. Some challenges initially w/budget but worked out.</li> <li>• Annual NOEA Conference – Uncertain, due to timing, of final costs.</li> <li>• Board Officer Travel to COE – will come in significantly lower due to vacant President Elect position.</li> <li>• General Foundation Support – money to come in from Nellie Mae</li> </ul>	Sarah motione accept treasure report, Ginny seconded <b>Motion carrie</b>
<b>President's rt</b>	Reggie- See Reggie's report, read by Allison -Created "It's Time" video (posted on YouTube) & NEOA website, illustrating benefits of board participation. -Board nominees' bio and resume information posted on NEOA website. -Following positions remain without nominees: NH State Liaison, RI State Liaison, President-Elect, Vice-President and Secretary. -Members have attended several NE Council events throughout NE keeping TRiO/GU in the congressional conversation.	
<b>lent's rt</b>	Evette- -Participated in COE Leadership Summit in Wash, D.C. March 10 <sup>th</sup> . Co-facilitated a session entitled "Maintaining an Active State Membership" w/Michael Maxwell, President-Elect from SAEOPP. -Looking for sites for conference next year in Rhode Island. -Reviewed Fair Share report, indicated NEOA was at 61% of our goal.	

<b>Elect's rt</b>	Vacant	
<b>President's rt</b>	Jen & Karen- Reached registration goal: 203 registered. Six exhibitors, all in booklet. Nellie Mae sponsorship at \$5,000 level. Low on ads, tried to keep expenses to a minimum. Great variety of workshops. Bernie Sanders confirmed he will be here to receive Pell award.	
<b>nittee rts:</b>		
<b>lative &amp; ation</b>	Sarah- Policy Seminar was great, good energy, very effective. Met with Heath Alexander, emerging leader on advocacy. Dr. Deb Saunders-White updated everyone at Policy on funding within TRiO.	
<b>Initiatives</b>	Sarah- Four successful State Initiative grants this year: MA-booklet, NH-booklet, VT-support the president's panel, ME- Hall of Flags event. Planning funding for round two has begun, tentative due date, late April.	
<b>opment</b>	Rebeccah-	
<b>ce nittee rt</b>	Steve- Request for board discussion re: what we could do when we're financially solvent.	
<b>A Achiever</b>	Rick- Four achievers; 2 Rising Stars and 2 Achievers. Bio's are in booklet. Manuel LeMoore will not be in attendance, due to work obligation. He has sent a video.	
<b>ership</b>	Ramon- 242 paid members; 42 unpaid members.	
<b>ility erns orce</b>	Dani- Be aware of projecting your voice when speaking at workshops and use the microphone. There are 3 workshops at this conference on disability concerns.	

<b>letter</b>	Laura- New newsletter Online. Six new articles. <a href="http://www.NEOAonline.wordpress.com">www.NEOAonline.wordpress.com</a> Individuals can subscribe to get newsletter subscription. Please submit articles about your programs.	
<b>ssional opment</b>	Ginny- Received Julia Towers invoice so she can be compensated. The event was well attended. Asked for suggestions for another professional development activity to get in by year's end.	
<b>gic ing</b>	Evette reported- Paul Lynsky will no longer be doing strategic planning.	
<b>ology</b>	Casey- Updates were made since last meeting. Casey posted nominations for new NEOA Board positions, sent by Reggie.	
<b>Day</b>	Nella- Not present - Report was submitted Great registration 519, (73 staff, 446 students). Kevin Booker, motivational speaker, was fantastic. Opportunity to meet Chris Murphy, from CT, running for Senate. 55 in attendance at college fair. TRiO alums were representative of colleges as admission reps. Nella is willing to help out with TRiO Day in 2013 in NH.	
<b>reports:</b>		
<b>ecticut</b>	Kwasi- Not present Report has been uploaded on Google Docs Evette read report. 2 alumni and 1 retiree at Policy Seminar	
<b>e</b>	Jess- TRiO programs across the state had a successful Hall of Flags event March 19 <sup>th</sup> at Maine State House. Children's Alliance of Maine event (day after Hall of Flags) channels 6 & 8 News present.	
<b>achusetts</b>	Allison- New CPA. Encourage people to run for board offices. Date and location for state conference- October 25 <sup>th</sup> . Professional Development Day- All Things Money; tentative date 5/4/12. Policy Seminar - 11 people from MA, including 2 alum, visited all offices. MEOA State Advocacy Day will be held May 30 at the Boston State House. Senator Kerry & Rep Capuano on a delegation letter, to Secretary Duncan.	

	<p>Due 4/3/12, as of 4/2/12 we have six of 12 signatures.  Used State Initiative grant for new Fact Book.  Has been working w/ Heath Gomez re: impact students are having regarding financial aid.</p>	
<b>Hampshire</b>	<p>Dani-  State Liaison- Maria Dintino (Keene State University/SSS)  TRiO Day will be in NH 2013. Looking to hold it in Manchester.  Policy Seminar – Randy Schroeder, Laura Mielke and Tammy Gewehr attended w/ 2 alums.  Jeanne Shaheen did sign onto letter for increase in TRiO.  Randy Schroeder is NHEOA new President. He wants to create an Action Alert Team made up of alumni to create support/fund for scholarships.</p>	
<b>e Island</b>	<p>Gail-  College Access in RI. Definitely a need in RI to get students college ready.  Policy Seminar – 2 alums.  Tracy has been identifying conference hotels for NEOA annual conference.  June 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> last board meeting will be held at Nylo Hotel, Warwick, RI.</p>	
<b>ont</b>	<p>Monda/Margaret-  Oct 9<sup>th</sup> state conference. Updating by-laws, hoping to vote on that.  New slate of officers to vote on.  Had 3 alumni represent VT at Policy Seminar. 2 from UB, 1 from EOC.  TRiO Day at state house in March was successful.  At 100% institutional membership.</p>	
<b>usiness</b>	<p>Evette asked for states and committees to send highlights (in bullet form) so we can avoid too much paper being passed around.</p>	
<b>Business</b>	<p>Leadership Institute- looking for colleagues to participate. Karen suggested LI registration fee be reduced to \$500, to be more affordable. Dani suggested a scholarship to registration fee.  Evette will ask Sigh Searles to attend June board meeting.</p>	
<b>irn</b>	<p>Evette asked to adjourn meeting, Sarah so moved.  Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.</p>	