

**New England Educational Opportunity Association
 Annual Business Meeting – Minutes
 April 13, 2017**

NEOA Official Board Meeting
<p>Call to Order at 04:06 PM –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballots distributed to the paid members • Quorum established • Ramon Gonzalez welcomed all to meeting and acknowledged
<p>Approval of Agenda: Ramon Gonzalez</p> <p>Action: Approval of agenda Motion by: <u>Elizabeth Werth</u> to approve of agenda Seconded by: <u>Rick Williams</u> Motion carries unanimously @ 4:11 PM</p>
<p>Secretary Report: Stephanie Cruz reports out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were sent to listserv and were posted on website • Several copies provided at meeting for further review <p>Action: Acceptance of April Business Meeting Minutes Motion by: <u>Deb McCann</u> to accept the April 2016 NEOA Annual Business Meeting Minutes Second by: <u>Kelly Beckwith</u> Motion carries unanimously at 4:15M</p>
<p>Treasurer Report – Adam Shaughnessy reports out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountant’s financial review • Third page of document • Good year 16 38K • In 2015 was AMLI year • Current budget up-to-date with Pol seminar expenses • Indicated that income is mostly done and with regard to spending we have more board meeting • Vendors ads, and some memberships not yet reflected the budget as just came in

- Silent and online auction income not yet reflected
- We had 3 Professional Development days
- TRIO Day College Fair income doubled the budget
- \$6000 currently on auction
- Hotel for this and next years a bit pricey a little over
- Policy Seminar extended more money to states so they could send more to Pol Seminar
- Purchased books for the book club for conference
- Shout out to Craig staying under budget for AMLI
- Not a lot of expenses out there
- Currently \$16k in red
- Should shake out once conference is over
- Questions re financial statements? There were none

Action: Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Motion by: Melissa Goyait to approve Treasurer's Report

Seconded by: Vincent Kloskowski

Motion carries unanimously at 04:18 PM

Finance Committee – Karen Madden reports out

- Worked together with treasurer, Adam Shaughnessy to make sure check book matches with bank statements
- Adam covered much of finances
- Stated Adam does a great job and as finance chair I keep an eye on it
- Short term CD's made \$144 in interest
- Last year we invested \$12,000 in a 7yr CD. 1st yr was a loss but it should turn around
- The extra money to the states for Policy Seminar was money well spent

President's Report – Ramon Gonzalez reports out

- A more detailed progress report with full report on what we did this year was sent 4/12
- Spoke about the activities and busy year he had visiting the states and the work of the COE Board

Vice-President – Steve Visco reports out

- 232 have registered for the conference
- Would like to thank sponsors one more time. There was some concern about being in ME.

- Sponsors included:
 - ASA
 - Bowdoin College - Achievers Luncheon
 - Mount Wachusett Community College - President Reception
 - Comcast – Coffee Breaks

President Elect – Jane Kimball Foley reports out

- Reported out on her COE Board responsibilities including committees: International Access, Government Relations, Conference Committee
- As Conference Committee member Jane is responsible for securing Moderators for COE Annual Conference in DC in September. She will need 120 moderators and looks for volunteers
- Mentioned that Fair Share responsibilities has switched to Past president – helped and learned a lot
- TRIO site has been secured, contract signed for - Cromwell Radisson February 23 & 24 (chair? TBD)
- Annual Conference – set for Stoweflake 1st week in April 4-6, contract signed
- Presented Ramon with gift

Past President – Gaelyn Hastings reports out

- Ballots were distributed to paid members

Nominees make brief remarks

- **President Elect** – Stephanie Cruz Remarks: Humble and honored always came back to TRIO. Looks to develop and encourage young leaders to serve, lead advocacy with HEA coming up, asks for members support positive energy. Thank you!
- **Vice President** – Karen Madden (not present)
- **Secretary** – Terri Morse Remarks: 12 yrs nice to see new faces AMLI one of most transforming class. Thanked Craig Werth.
- **Treasurer** – Adam Shaughnessy served this past year and commented on wonderful year the board has had and he looks forward to serving another year. Thanked the bullies who made me do it Jump in do it learn by experience. Reminded all to keep bidding in Silent Auction!

Nominees for State Liaisons:

- CT – David Celotto
- ME – Laurie Davis – Looking forward to continuing board work as she fulfills her ME past president duties
- MA – Mona Savastano – Just finished AMLI – and looking forward to working with the board
- NH – Christopher Lee – looks forward to representing NH on the NEOA Board

- RI – Chuck Youn – Looks to reenergizing start and revitalize the group in RI
- VT – Mindy Maris – As Low income/1st gen looks forward to expand network

Action: Acceptance of slate of nominees

Motion by: Evette Layne to acceptance of slate of nominees by acclimation

Seconded by: Karen Keim

Motion carries unanimously at @ 05:08 PM

- Gaelyn planted a seed for members to think about stepping up to serve
- Karen Keim stated that serving on the board and serving as President is like getting a PhD without the dissertation

- Attendees encouraged to keep bidding silent and online auctions

Motion by: Debbie McCann to adjourn

Seconded by: Melissa Goyait

Motion carries unanimously at @ 5:10 PM

Business Meeting Adjourned: 5:10 PM