

NEOA
2011 Business Meeting of NEOA Members
Holiday Inn by the Bay
Portland, ME
April 7, 2011

Meeting called to order

By Reggie Jean @ 5:15pm

Welcome

Correction to current agenda

Mike motions to approve agenda, Maribel seconds

Motion carries

Secretary's report-

Tammy Gewehr

Report was passed out to members

2010 minutes- motion by Yvette Layne to accept 2010 minutes, Steven Ringer seconds

Motion carries

Treasurer's report-

Julie Kimball

Report passed out to members. Stated that this is an active period since the conference is under way \$75,000 in reserve (increase from last year). Deb McCann asked about a final budget from last year to be available on the website. Julie made mention of our CPA and the report he has done. At the meeting for review. Karen Keim inquired about Fair Share. Currently, not a line item in terms of budget. She asked that a portion go to COE/Fair Share and create a line item for Fair Share.

Mike Dennehy spoke of funds for tabling.

Karen Keim, said she understood, however would like funds to go to Fair share in addition to this.

Tracy Karasinski will add it to finance committee agenda for June mtg.

Yvette Layne asked if there are projections for budget when conference is over.

Julie responded, not yet, waiting on receipts from state bills (due to Policy Seminar) and hotel bill from conference. Looks as though everything is well within budget and will be once conference is over.

Motion by Mike Dennehy to accept Treasurers report, Yvette Layne seconded.

Motion carries, 3 cheers, "that's outstanding."

Vice-president's report-

Sara Henry/Anne St. Pierre

Sara reported that 256 people registered for conference. Only five did not check-in as of yet. Three of them will only be here for one day (Friday).

11 exhibitors, thanks to Reggie and Ramon for bringing them here. It's a significant revenue line.

Conference evaluations: It was different this year; 3 days from 4 in past years...please give feedback.

President's report-

Reggie Jean

Reggie made mention of the NE Council, which is an organization of NE business & higher education leaders. There are opportunities to attend events w/elected official in your state and talk to them about your program(s).

President's report (continued)-

Reggie encouraged people to take advantage of this opportunity for members.

Reggie mentioned how the board is using Google Docs so the carryover from one year to the next will be seamless for all.

Five of our NE students have been selected to go to Spain with COE.

Alumni-**Monda Kelley**

Over 30 alumni attended Alumni Reception (4/6/11). Wendy Porter-Coste helped with reception.

Alumni page on NEOA website, Monda asked that programs encourage their alumni to sign up.

National Trio association can be accessed through COE page.

Development-**Channa Srey**

NEOA Online auction- prior to paying out fees we made: \$7,100. 139 users. 89 items listed.

Thanked Mike Dennehy for helping to raise over \$31,000. Slightly over \$50,000 total.

Disability concerns-**Dani Adler**

Worked w/Casey Henderson about accessibility on website. Webinars done w/closed caption.

Finance Committee report-**Tracy Karasinski**

Last year's auditor's report was passed out. We ended on a good note last year.

This year:

Revised policy seminar reimbursement policy. Have not changed amount of cost. Policy was revised for greater flexibility.

Reserves are in line with strategic plan. Our strategic goal was met.

Wainwright Bank has been bought out by Eastern Bank. So far everything has been seamless.

Membership-**Ramon Gonzalez**

298 member applications, 231 paid members. This is expected to change with the conference currently happening.

NEOA achievers-**Rick Williams**

Total of 10 nominations this year, great nominees.

Monica Sargeant asked that nominees who were not selected be sent a letter.

Strategic Planning-**Mike Dennehy**

We did it...please read it!

Technology-**Casey Henderson**

Update is currently being worked on, out this summer. Also, reviewing the list serve...policy, procedures. Basically cleaning it up. Still a work in progress. Reviewing accessibility as Dani mentioned.

TRiO Day-

William Talbot and Claudia Erazo

RI committee did an outstanding job.

About 670 attendees for Trio Day. Great opportunity for students to be together to celebrate their programs and college. Backpacks were donated. Great sponsors.

Professional Development-

Ginny Fowles-Ward

Two webinars up and coming.

- April 25-Focus on classroom management
- May- Colby professor, about building relationships w/boys and helping w/their success. Both K-12 and college males.

This is the first year NEOA has done webinars; it's a nice way to provide professional development throughout the year. Thanks to Ginny Fowles-Ward for being green and pioneering these webinars.

Past-president's report-

Karen Madden

Passed out slate of officers and encouraged members to nominate others on the floor.

Karen Keim wanted to bring to the association's attention that we don't have a President-Elect. This would be your last opportunity to work with Arnold Mitchem since he will be retiring.

Karen Madden asked for nominations from the floor-

Linda Schiller made note that this has happened before and wanted to express to all that a nomination did not have to come forward today as the transition would happen in September.

Motion to close all positions w/the exception of president-elect. Christie Pierce made motion, Linda Shiller seconded.

Motion carries.

Motion to accept slate of nominations.

Mike Dennehy made motion, Yvette Layne seconded.

Motion carries.

President Elect-

Pati Gregson

Mateo mentioned GU becoming part of the family, she feels we are one voice.

Dr Arnold Mitchem-not just a job, but a proxy for the poor. We are advocates for our populations. We need to show our advocacy by email, letters, etc.

Old business-

None

New business-

None

Adjourn-

Mike Dennehy made motion to adjourn meeting, Steven Ringer seconded it.
Meeting adjourned @ 6:15pm