

NEOA
2012 Business Meeting of NEOA Members
Stoweflake Inn
Stowe, VT
April 5, 2012
4:45-5:45pm

Meeting called to order

By Evette Layne @ 5:05p

Welcome

Drew Goodwin motions to approve agenda, Steve Visco seconds.

Motion carries

Drew Goodwin motioned to approve the 2011 business meeting minutes, Mike Dennehy seconded, Carolyn abstained

Motion carries

Treasurer's report

Julie-

FY2011 approved budget presented as Annual Finance Review prepared and approved by accountant.

Detailed ledger of expenses/revenues included in Conference Booklet for membership reference.

Last year ended with a net gain of \$42,279.48 due in large part to a very successful Development campaign and exceeding membership expectations by 10% over projections.

We met our goal of having 50% of our annual operating budget in reserves. Currently, the organization is in a healthy financial position, holding \$75K in short-term and long-term investments.

Current Fiscal Year 2012 update

Annual Meeting falls during the busiest period so difficult to provide an assessment of exactly where we stand, as there has been much activity in the days leading up to the conference.

Highlights to date include:

Exceeded estimated income from member dues by a margin of 25%.

TRiO Day Event is close to being finalized. Expenses came in mostly on target. One item that looks higher is hotel cost. However, it's misleading in the sense that a meal was paid directly by NEOA, but was offset with additional income from ticket sales. Also, the speaker expense is more than budgeted, but again the additional cost was offset. In this case, CAEOPP made a contribution for the overage.

COE- predictable expenses for routine annual initiatives. All states took advantage of NEOA's offer to subsidize participation in Policy Seminar.

Leadership Institute generally runs alternating years and 2012 is an off-year

Dori motioned to accept, Dan seconded

Motion carries

Vice President Report

Jen-

- 203 conference registrations (full conference and one day). This number exceeded expectations.
- 24 workshops (secured by Terry Callahan), 6 exhibitors, 2 vendors (secured by Karen Clark)

- State initiative grant (by Karen Madden) to pay for college president expenses (5 VT institutions represented: Castleton State, CC of VT, Johnson State, Lyndon State, and So VT College)

Presidents Report

Evette-

Next year's conference, 2013 will be in Rhode Island. Looking to get proposals from potential hotels, would like to solidify hotel by June meeting.

COE activities:

- Attended 4 Board meetings (next one June 7-8)
- Monthly conference calls (participated January, February, March 2012)
- Evette passes on emails coming from COE
- Committees Evette sits on:
 - TRiO
 - research and development
- Looking to support new board members

Past Presidents report-

Reggie-

Reggie not present due to birth of twin daughters. He sent his report.

- Emailed board position information and nomination forms to Membership
- Leadership Institute class and Board Listserv beginning in November 2011
- Created *It's Time* Video and posted on YouTube and NEOA website illustrating the benefits of NEOA board participation
- Shared information on 2011-2012 New England Council events to members. Dozens of members have attended events in each state keeping TRIO/Gear Up in the congressional conversation
- Helped provide logistical support to current President during transition from President-Elect

In his absence, he asked Sarah Morrell to oversee nomination and voting procedures at NEOA Business meeting, which she did. The results are below.

New Board members:

President-Elect- Karen Keim

Vice President- Claudia Erazo-Conrad

Treasurer- Allison Cox

Secretary- Joanna Rivera

CT State Liaison- Erica Coleman

MA State Liaison- Julie Kimball

ME State Liaison- Jess Berry

NH State Liaison- Maria Dintino

RI State Liaison- Gail Sidney

VT State Liaison- Margaret Coan

State Reports-

CT- Erica Coleman

- Tentative December date selected for fall CAEOP conference
- Completed our nominations, will be voting on a new slate of board members April meeting

- Hosted professionals at CAEOP conference and offered PD and leadership opportunities with KNOWHOW2GO grant. Donna Thompson and Glenn Cassis were very instrumental.
- Our CAEOP website www.caeopct.org is now fully operational with a Donation Page
- Two alumni and a retiree represented CT at the COE annual Policy Seminar

ME – Dori Fellman

- MEEOA has arranged for *On Course* to come to Maine – largely due to Alan Parks – will be a full week – over 50 participants. NEOA state initiative grant will help with costs
- MEEOA received a NEOA State Initiative Grant, helping to fund Maine TRiO Hall of Flags event at the State House on March 19th
- Sent an UB Alum, along with two program representatives to Policy Seminar in DC
- 3 professional development activities took place since fall
- EOC & SSS held events in November which were well attended. Thanks to Julia Tower who facilitated a workshop for UB grant writers in December at UNH

MA – Allison Cox

- MEFA continued sponsoring MEOA at \$5000
- MEOA was awarded \$500 NEOA State Initiative Grant, used to create/print updated Fact Book
- MEOA was awarded \$950 Spraggins Award (matching grant) – funds used for MEOA Awareness Day on May 30th at the Boston State House
- The MA Delegation has written 2 letters to Secretary Duncan; in November to oppose changes to UB Cost per Participant Funding and in April regarding the Department's mismanagement of TRIO Programs, especially delays in competitions and notifications. All 12 members have signed
- MEOA is hosting PD Money Day on May 4th & fall Conference will be in Devens on Oct 25, 2012

NH – Dani Adler

- Hosted 15th Annual SSS PD Day on Nov. 10 at UNH. 42 participants from 20 different schools, all six New England states and NY engaged in a day of professional networking and renewal
- Hosted an UB forum with Julia Tower on Dec. 12th. Five NE states and NY participated in a full-day forum to address the current UB grant process
- Plymouth State SSS staff member & student had photo op w/ Joe Biden when he was on campus
- Annual Fall conference on Oct 28th at UNH with presentations on “Making Powerful Choices” and “Changing Demographic Trends in NH”
- Randy Schroeder is developing an Alumni Action Alert Network
- State Initiative grant – Dan Gordon
- Policy Seminar – Randy Schroeder, Laura Mielke and Tammy Gewehr attended w/two alums
- Randy Schroeder and Tammy Gewehr attended Politics and eggs w/Frank Guinta (photo op)
- Gearing up to host TRiO Day 2013!

RI – Gail Sydney

- Tracy Karasinski secured proposals for the next NEOA conference in Warwick. There were 5 proposals brought to the board meeting
- RI had successful conference in conjunction with the Rhode Island College Access Network, President Ray DiPasquale was the keynote speaker at the luncheon

- The breakout session for TRiO professionals had Heath Alexander and 8 other RI TRiO professionals in attendance. There was a call for an e-mail to be sent to Directors to encourage and support staff to get involved in RIEOA and NEOA. Tracy indicated some UB staff are interested in being conference chairs for the annual conference 2013
- Policy Seminar successful for RI. Both Senators Reed and Whitehouse were impressed with the alumni. Both Senators continue to be on board with including TRiO into future jobs legislation in order to secure the FY13 budget

VT-Monday Kelly

- Vermont Educational Opportunity Programs (VEOP) Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th at Vermont Technical coffee
- Voting on proposed updated by-laws
- Have a near full slate of officers
- Successful TRiO Day at the State House
- Currently at 72% of Fair Share and would like to see more contributions from the State
- Supported two alumni at Policy Seminar
- State Initiative Grant (helped fund attendance at NEOA conference)
- MAEOPP website up & functional

TRiO Day

Stated by Evette-

- Crowne Plaza pleasant to work with during planning and at event. Board looking at possibly lowering program cost so more can attend
- 519 registrations in total; 446 Students/73 Staff
- Seven workshops were offered per session. A description of each is in the program book
- Kevin Booker and his colleagues were very well received from the students and staff
- There were 12 college tours to choose from. All seemed to run smoothly
- Sixty colleges registered College Fair; and Sixty-two presented

Advocacy and state initiatives

Sarah-

- Successful Policy Seminar last month; NE was well-represented with professionals and alumni
- Four excellent State Initiative proposals funded to date, MA, ME, NH and VT each awarded \$500.00 or more. Activities currently in progress or already completed: MA-booklet, ME-Hall of Flags, NH-booklet, VT- presidents panel Friday, April, 6, 2012
- Two states received matching Spraggins grants
- Heath Alexander- emerging leaders
- Spring round of State Initiative grants due in late April

NEOA Achievers

Rick Williams- not present

See report submitted by Rick

Technology

Casey Henderson-

- Routine updates to the website, uploaded Newsletter, pictures of Trio Day and Policy Seminar

- Discussing social media and how to connect w/alumni, members, interested parties (Alumni page, Twitter account, Linked in group)
- Leadership Institute 2013 application uploaded to the website

Disability Concerns Taskforce

Dani Adler-

- Worked with technology chair and newsletter chair on website accessibility
- Worked with conference committee on accessibility issues
- Presented two hour workshop to NH ETS staff on transition issues for students with disabilities
- Presented disability roundtable discussion at the conference

History and Archives

Evette Layne-

- As History and Archives Chair, working with Drew Goodwin, Carolyn Julian, and Angela Quitadamo, to establish repository for NEOA records and archives; and to keep account of Association achievements and awards

Adjourn-

Mike Dennehy made motion to adjourn the meeting, Drew Goodwin seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.