

**New England Educational Opportunity Association  
NEOA 2015 Business Meeting Minutes  
Sheraton Portsmouth, NH**

**April 1, 2015  
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<b>Call to Order</b>	Randy Schroeder Starts the 2015 NEOA Business Meeting at 4:21 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Membership Chair established that 83 voting members were present – 2 non members</li> <li>- Meeting was called to order by Randy S at 4:21p</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melissa Goyait (Azzaro) motions to approve the agenda;</li> <li>• Drew Goodwin seconds</li> </ul> <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>
<b>Secretary's Report</b>	Gaelyn Hastings Reports Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minutes from April 2014 emailed on 3/27 for membership review.</li> <li>- Darylen Cote motions to approve the 2014 minutes</li> <li>- Drew Goodwin seconds</li> <li>- 4:25pm agenda passed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darylen Cote motions to approve the 2014 minutes with corrections;</li> <li>• Drew Goodwin seconds</li> </ul> <b>Motion carries 2 abstentions</b>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Kristin Hagopian – reviews budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Highlighted areas for conference, TRIO Day, leadership institute expenses</li> <li>o Reviews board meeting expenses</li> <li>o UB 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary costs and revenue</li> <li>o Reviews CD accounts and investments</li> <li>o Drew asks for explanation about the overage for TRIO Day and Kristin and Randy explain the background with hotel contracts and the snow interference with attendance due to safety and institutional policies and hotel worked with NEOA on cutting the debt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reggie Jean- Motion to approve treasurers report</li> <li>• Seconded by Drew Goodwin</li> </ul> <b>Passes Unanimous at 435p</b>
<b>Finance Report</b>	Karen Madden reports out on finance report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviews Page three of report and explanation such as the costs in Bridgeport were less than other years etc.</li> </ul>	
<b>Vice-President Report/Conference</b>	Deb McCann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviews VP Report</li> </ul>	

<b>Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conference is going great</li> <li>○ Committee is awesome</li> <li>○ 232 total registrants at this point ---for the one day- -- for the preconference</li> <li>○ Silent Auction ends tonight- and donate to Fair Share raffle –all ends at the banquet</li> <li>○ Honoring retirees at Banquet and others</li> <li>○ Rep Guinta –please be in room to greet him tomorrow morning</li> </ul>	
<b>President’s Report</b>	<p>Randy S</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please See President Mid-term Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Background to the board slate – important to have leaders step up- Karen Keim has worked very hard to encourage and mentor our members to step up- shares the wonderful parts of leadership and the NEOA Board</li> <li>▪ TRIO day was an amazing experience this year- Tony and the TRIO Day committee worked hard to have a great TRIO day experience- Thanked Rick W for the scholars bowl. NEOA events are truly coming along and doing amazing jobs. Ramon and Julie already done ground work for the 2016 Conference in MA.</li> <li>▪ We do need to get going on alumni events</li> <li>▪ UB 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event at BU outstanding – we need to keep the momentum going</li> <li>▪ 3 more months of Fair Share – we did finish second last year – individual contributions to be \$30,000.00 – he will be coming to membership to ask- Board has good information about why we should donate. Maureen and Oscar are here from COE so please approach them, introduced and chat.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Past President’s Report</b>	<p>Karen Keim –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ She knows most from approaching for membership or looking at names for future leaders- most important is the state leadership first – asked later in their careers seasoned experience and new energy from all the programs – she created a data base with 68 ppl approached and has recorded ppl and what they said- 4 ppl said no thanks- when you see leadership around the table or around the room praise good leadership and encourage that.</li> <li>○ Agrees with Randy stating that it’s like a graduate degree- she wishes she had done it earlier –</li> <li>○ Looking at the slate</li> <li>○ President Elect- Alvin Riley</li> <li>○ Vice President- Julie Kimball and Ramon Gonzalez</li> <li>○ Secretary- Stephanie Cruz</li> <li>○ Treasurer- Kristin H</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Mielke motions to nominate Gaelyn Hastings as current Board President Elect</li> <li>• Drew Goodwin Seconds</li> <li>• Discussion ensues</li> <li>• Evette Layne Motions to close the nomination of Gaelyn Hastings for current NEOA Board President Elect</li> </ul>

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		<b>Secretary Certifies the membership vote passes to accept the full slate of officers.</b>
<b>President-Elect's Report</b>		
	Deb M encourages tweeting and kudos to Renee for getting that going	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned at 5:19pm  Secretary Certifies the membership ballot vote passes to accept the full slate of officers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reggie Jean motions to adjourn the meeting;</li> <li>• Ray Gonzalez seconds</li> </ul> <b>Meeting Adjourned at 5:19pm</b>