

# Connecticut Educational Media Association Board Meeting

October 4, 2006  
Yalesville Elementary School, Wallingford, CT

**Present:** Christopher Barlow, David Bilmes, Gayle Bogel, Barbara Bourque, Kate Candido, Jill Dailey, Marilyn Hoitt, Diane Kimball, Irene Kwidzinski, Katrina Palazzolo, Paula Patterson, Sewell Pruchnik, Janet Roche, Judy Savage, Mary Shukie, Art Skerker, Ellen Speirs

**Absent:** Tricia Colonnese, Martha Djang, Jeanne Lawrence, Bonnie Symansky, Sharman Tait, Paula Danzman, Susan Eblen, Bob Hibson, Jean Lowery, Hedy Siegel, Mary Shukie, Jenifer Smolnik, Nancy Strong, Rachel Tonucci, Anne Weimann, Stephanie Zogby

## AGENDA

- 1) Call to order by Janet at 5:35
- 2) Approval of minutes—September 6, 2006. Moved by Irene. Second by Katrina. Approved unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's Report Taken in 20,992.75 paid out 7256.77 due to conference funds coming in.  
Motion to raise contribution to Nutmeg Award to 1,000 from 750 Moved by Marilyn, second by Gayle Approved unanimously.  
In order to do so need to move funds, took 250 away from printing.  
Motion to accept budget Moved by Katrina, second by Irene. Approved unanimously.
- 4) Vice President's Report—Fall Festival Goal was to have six fall festivals, planned for three, wound up with two. Region 5 attended by 8 or 9 people. Region 1 attended by 16 people.  
Janet brought up question of continuing with Fall Festival or having in spring; in either case have one central event as had in past or regional. Decided that David will discuss it with Regional reps. and come up with recommendations to present to Board
- 5) President's Report
  - CEMA-gram assignments. Will have new look. Janet has asked all Board members to contribute to it in some way.
  - Mentoring Matters—matched 3 mentees with 3 mentors.
  - Increase who we reach with publicity about events: CEMA table at the conference? E-mail directory of all members?
  - Results of Survey Monkey Survey of the Board

- Name Change—should we consider a Name change and if so, should we bring it up at conference annual meeting for discussion—not vote –if want to consider a name change.

Noted Massachusetts' and Wisconsin's reasoning for changing their name was that media was not understood by the public whereas school library was. Asked for discussion. Among items mentioned was importance of including School Librarian or School Library. If name is changed would require changing it with all legal aspects as well and factor those costs into budget. Will have to look into expenses and other issues, but general consensus of Board is that they are in favor of name change. Eventually will have to be brought before all members. If want to consider a name change, ask for suggested names and then do a survey with survey monkey of all members by e-mail. Annual meeting at conference agenda—budget, constitutional amendment

- Concerns over lack of registration for Pre-Conference Authors event. Asked that Board members invite other LMS as well as teachers from their district.

## 6) Committee Reports

### a. Conference 2006

Will have handbook as had in past with all handouts from presenters.

Provided details of pre-conference event.

Will have book sales from authors (2025 books).

Oct. 8 last meeting before conference.

In need of volunteers to help on Sunday afternoon, November 5, to prep for conference.

### b. Conference 2007

Conference 2007 report from Dianne. Met with CECA reps. Will not be like anything else CECA has ever done. Presented proposal for use of space at Connecticut Convention Center. Need 1,500 people to attend event. Feeling was that the Convention Center itself will be a draw. Include strands for administrators to include them. Discussion over vendors; likelihood of drawing more and different vendors and also what fees to charge vendors considering what CECA charges presently vs. what CEMA charges. Noted that both CECA reps and CEMA reps feel positive about it. Main concerns are ability to draw enough attendees--feel that need at least 500 from CEMA--and affordability to cover costs of site and other expenses. Need to include other associations—reading association, assistive technology associations etc.

### c. Web Site

Judy wants to turn over responsibility for web site to someone else and will train new person. Janet suggested that new web person be paid a stipend. Further discussion to be conducted later over stipends. Suggestion that CEMA finds a new host because ACES is not helpful .

### d. Mission Statement

Gayle and Judy will report in December, unless Gayle and Judy have something to share now.

Rough draft presented just for discussion. Have a brief and broad mission statement and then have goals in order to complete the Mission Statement. Would go with the name change.

7) Division Reports

- a. American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Needs answers to NCLB to questions posted. Would be best if posted on Survey Monkey to get the feedback needed.
- b. Connecticut Library Association (CLA) Pleased to have CEMA rep.; talked about new interface for iConn; support for Nutmeg, asked for CEMA members to attend their conference.
- c. New England Educational Media Association (NEEMA)

8) OLD BUSINESS

9) NEW BUSINESS Art attended iConn meeting. On Nov. 14 there will be a full day conference open to all librarians in state, public and school libraries.

10) Adjourn at 7:30

**Next meeting:** November 1, 2006

**Refreshments:** Chris Barlow, Irene Kwidzinski

**CEMA-gram**—Submit information to Hedy Siegel no later than the Sunday following the board meeting to [hedysiegel@snet.net](mailto:hedysiegel@snet.net)

**Web site**—Submit information to Judy Savage by sending an email to [judysavage@att.net](mailto:judysavage@att.net)