

Connecticut Educational Media Association Board Meeting

November 1, 2006
Yalesville Elementary School

Present: Christopher Barlow, David Bilmes, Barbara Bourque, Kate Candido, Jennifer Cirino, Audrey Daigneault, Bob Hibson, Dianne Kimball, Irene Kwidzinski, Katrina Palazzolo, Paula Patterson, Sewell Pruchnik, Janet Roche, Mary Shukie, Ellen Speirs, Diane Strumello, Bonnie Symansky, Sharman Tait, Mary Shukie, Nancy Strong, Stephanie Zogby

Absent: Gayle Bogel, Rebecca Cochrane-Bubie, Tricia Colonnese, Elizabeth Dalton, Jill Dailey, Paula Daitzman, Susan Eblen, Marilyn Hoitt, Lisa Lavoie, Jean Lowery, Leslie Poulos, Judy Savage, Hedy Siegel, Art Skerker, Jenifer Smolnik, Rachel Tonucci, Anne Weimann

AGENDA

Call to order by Janet at 6:10 *

2) Approval of minutes—October 4, 2006—Moved by Sharman Second by Bob

3) Treasurer's Report -- Total income amount was \$60,506.40, total spent was \$8,963.63. Current balance was \$92,943.48. The reason the balance was so high is we had brought in \$33,705 in Conference registration and \$14,685 with vendor payments and we had not spent any huge amounts by that time.

4) Vice President's Report—Audrey Daigneault is the new rep for Region 6 and Diane Strumello and E. Dalton are the new reps for region 5. Concentrating on lining up presentations for workshops. Thinking of topic of Differentiated Instruction in the library. Hope to have details on three separate workshops for December mtg.

5) President's Report-- Attended AASL Fall Forum. Trying to get RESCs to provide workshops for library media specialists so that library media specialists can be involved in collaborative lessons preparing students to take CMT or CAPT. CEMA Gram going online with November issue. Will be both mailed and online depending on preferences of member. Will be available in pdf format as link on web site. Budget copies will be printed and be made available at conference

Asked for Board feedback as to Honorary memberships. Noted that would have to be nomination form. One proposal was to bring this to the Awards Committee. Felt it would be best for Board members to study it further and decide on it in December. Among discussion was proposal for ex-officio memberships-not voting-- but considered members, primarily viewed as friends of our profession. These ex-officio members would receive a complimentary copy of CEMAGram in print. Dianne Kimball will generate a list of people she recommends for ex-officio membership and send the names to Anne Weimann so Anne can send these people a copy of CEMAGram.

6) Committee Reports

Conference 06: Over 400 registered for Monday, 100 for Sunday, including authors.

Conference Evaluation will not be done on site. Survey will be done electronically through Survey Monkey. Janet asked Board to review proposed survey for any additional questions and changes to it.

Survey Monkey on NCLB: Most responded that wanted SLMS to be regarded as teachers—wherever teachers are noted in NCLB, SLMS should be included. Results of survey will be forwarded to AASL and be made available at conference

For any other committee reports that need to report in November and can't wait until December, asked to please e-mail Janet to put in the minutes.

CLA: Gayle Bogel reported on Connecticut Library Executive Board Meeting from October 5, 2006 at the Russell Library, Middletown.

Items of interest to CEMA:

iConn has publicity materials available to promote their new “look”. Contact iConn for details.

The Barnes and Noble Love Your Library Promotion will take place this year in December, and proceeds will benefit Infoanytime.

CLA will co-sponsor the 3rd Annual Season's Reading Book Drive, along with Literacy Volunteers of America, the CT State Police, Carolyn Thornberry and the Lt. Governor Kevin Sullivan.

7) Division Reports

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)

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8) OLD BUSINESS

9) NEW BUSINESS

2007 Conference. Tuesday October 23 date for 2007 conference. Plan to have author's reception on Monday evening. Noted parking costs but will be built in to conference registrations. The contract is ready to be signed by CECA, but have asked for more information. Dianne and Katrina will compile information from last three CEMA conferences to present to CECA.

Vote for allocation of 40% of rental and speaker fee for 2007. Moved by Irene, second by Audrey. Approved unanimously.

Janet sent out emails as to possible CEMA name change. Response was overwhelming in favor of the name change with numerous possible suggestions. Noted process to ask opinion of members—email or post card, online survey—however it is done, feels that all members should be asked.

10) Adjourn at 7:05

Next meeting: December 6, 2006

CEMA-gram—Submit information to Hedy Siegel no later than the Sunday following the board meeting to hedysiegel@snet.net

Web site—Submit information to Judy Savage by sending an email to judysavage@att.net

* Board met in groups from 5:00-6:00. The groups are: Professional Development, Membership or Community as AASL calls it, Public Relations, and Structure of the Board. The purpose of the group meeting will be to come up with a one sentence goal statement in each of these areas. These group meetings and goal statements were started under Dianne Kimball.