

**Connecticut Educational Media Association
Board Meeting**

March 7, 2007
Cheshire High School Library

Present: Christopher Barlow, David Bilmes, Gayle Bogel, Barbara Bourque, Kate Candido, Audrey Daigneault, Martha Djang, Marilyn Hoitt, Denise Kennedy, Dianne Kimball, Irene Kwidzinski, Leslie Poulos, Sewell Pruchnik, Janet Roche, Mary Shukie, Ellen Speirs, Shelley Steadman, Diane Strumello, Sharman Tait, Mary Shukie, Stephanie Zogby

Absent: Cathy Andronik, Jennifer Cirino, Rebecca Cochrane, Jill Dailey, Paula Daitzman, Elizabeth Dalton, Susan Eblen, Lisa Lavoie, Jean Lowery, Katrina Palazzolo, Paula Patterson, Art Skerker, Jenifer Smolnik, Rachel Tonucci

MINUTES

- 1) Call to order at 5:35
- 2) Approval of minutes—February 7, 2007—A motion to approve the minutes was made by Audrey and seconded by Ellen. Unanimously approved.
- 3) Treasurer's Report Income - 85K Expenses - 81K Current balance 45K
- 4) All Committee reports are part of the minutes of this meeting. The committee reports are submitted to the President one week before the Board meeting. The President distributes the committee reports electronically to Board members prior to the meeting.
 - Conference 08: CEMA has to let the Crowne Plaza know if it intends to hold the 2008 Conference there. Dianne Kimball spoke for the 2007 Conference Committee stating that CEMA should alternate years when it does a joint conference with CECA so the next joint conference could be in 2009. Possible conflict with AASL was noted. Could do joint conference again as long as not in conflict with AASL. CLC and reading teachers also would like to have joint conference with CEMA or participate in the preconference. Janet will sign the contract with the Crowne Plaza for 2008.
 - Conference 07: Registration includes one-year membership. A motion was made by Irene to change the term of membership from July 1 to June 30 to conference to conference, and eliminate 2 year membership. Second by Audrey. Unanimously approved.
 - AASL report. Trying to get responses to school survey.
 - Awards Committee: Nominations were due March 1. The committee has not received nominations for some awards. A motion was made by Sharman and seconded by Audrey to extend the deadline for awards until April 15. Approved unanimously.
 - Mini grants are due March 1. One application received. Janet mentioned that feedback received from some members is that the application is too cumbersome and asked the Board if it would like to streamline application form. Discussion ensued and most felt that the application form should stay as it is. Discussion ensued about the possibility of having one grant for \$1,000 instead of two grants for \$500. A motion was made by Diane S. to change to one grant for \$1,000 for 07-08 school year. Seconded by Leslie P. Approved unanimously.

- Liaison Program Report. CEMA has a representative in most school districts in CT to assist in supporting CEMA's goals and objectives, increase communication between school districts and the CEMA Board of Directors, and disseminate information about CEMA within their school districts. Liaison Program—A motion to approve the Liaison Program was made by Irene K. and seconded by Martha D. Janet agreed that any e-mail communications from the President of CEMA will have a subject that states CEMA Members, CEMA liaisons or CEMA Members and CEMA Liaisons, so that liaisons know what e-mail to forward to people in their districts. Approved unanimously
- Slate of Candidates. A motion was made by Shelly that CEMA Board recommends to membership to add position of VP-Elect to slate of officers proposed to the membership for 08-09. Seconded by Dianne K. Discussion ensued about staying with the current officer positions: VP, President and Past President or move to have VP-Elect. A VP-Elect would have one year to learn about CEMA without having direct responsibility for any task. A VP-Elect would receive benefits to be determined by the Board such as free registration to conferences of CEMA, AASL and ALA and free subscriptions to professional magazines. A VP-Elect would then become VP and then President. A past president can choose to remain or not to remain on the Board to provide continuity. Approved unanimously.

4) OLD BUSINESS

- Next year: CEMA will hold Board meetings in the library of Cheshire High School. According to the Constitution, there will be at least five Board meetings. Tentatively the meetings for 07-08 will be on the first Wednesday of the month in September, October, December, February, April and June.
- CEMAGram needs a layout editor

The current slate of officers for 07-08 is: Janet Roche, President; David Bilmes, Vice President; Chris Barlow Secretary; and Sewell Pruchnik, Treasurer. Motion to accept present slate of officers for next year. Moved by Audrey, seconded by Irene. Approved unanimously.

5) NEW BUSINESS—

- CEU--CECA uses CEA for awarding CEUs. Sue Eblen will look into whether or not CEMA can use CEA to issue CEU certificates.
- CLA Potluck Supper
Wednesday March 21, 2007
5:00-6:30
Baldwin Museum, Connecticut State Library
231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford
RSVP to Sue Phillips: phillips@biblio.org
Bring a dessert or \$10.00.
- Term of Services: Board members were asked to sign a list indicating how long they expected to serve on the Board, June 07, Conference 07, June 08, and June 09.
- New Teacher Conference: iConn offered to share a table with CEMA. No one was able to volunteer to represent CEMA so Janet Roche will do it.
- Name Change— A motion to change the name of Connecticut Educational Media Association (CEMA) to Connecticut Association of School Librarians (CASL) was made by Audrey D. and seconded by Dianne K. Approved with one vote opposed. Members will vote on the name change and the new name will be announced at the 2007 Conference and celebrated at 2008 Conference. Implementation will take effect on an ongoing basis.

- Constitutional Amendments: Constitutional Amendments have been proposed to reflect how we actually do things and our move to electronic communication, surveys and votes. First the Board must approve an amendment and then the amendment will be voted on by members. The Constitution with the new amendments will be posted on the web site.

A motion to approve the amendment to the Constitution for ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS was made by Shelly and seconded by Irene: The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers and voting Board members appointed by the President.

A motion to approve the amendment to the Constitution for ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS was made by Audrey D. and seconded by Martha D.: The Executive Team shall be composed of the following Board members: President, Vice President, Vice-President Elect, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, representative of the State Department of Education, Finance Director and Constitution and By-Laws Director. The Vice-President Intern assists the Vice-President. The Immediate Past President advises the Board on past practices. The representative of the State Department of Education acts as a liaison between the Board and the State Department of Education. The Finance Director works with the Treasurer to prepare the annual budget. The Constitution and By-Laws Director coordinates Constitution and By-Laws initiatives. They shall serve as an executive body in all matters delegated to it by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III: NOMINATION, ELECTIONS AND SUCCESSION was made by Shelly S. and seconded by Audrey D.: The election shall be held in May, the date being set by the Board of Directors. The election of new officers shall be accomplished through electronic ballot, or print ballot upon request, sent to members at least two weeks in advance of the election deadline. To be valid, ballots must be received by midnight of the election deadline. The candidate with the most votes shall be elected. In case of a tie vote, the Executive Team shall elect one from those who share the tie.

Due to the late hour of the meeting and the desire for all to have the amendment in writing before them, those present at this meeting will vote electronically on a motion to approve these amendments to the Constitution:

Article IV: Duties Of Officers

By-Laws Article V: Appointed Voting Board Members,

Article VI: Duties of the Standing Committees

Article VIII Divisions

Due to the length of the business meeting, there were no Team Meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stephanie and seconded by Irene at 7:30 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting: April 4, 2007

Refreshments (3 people): Plan on 25 people

April—Sharman Tait, Gayle Bogel, Barbara Bourque

June-- pot-luck at Simsbury High School.

Any Board member may send the web master, Jenn Cirino, items to post on the web site. For comments and suggestions about the web site, email: cemawebmaster@gmail.com.