

**Connecticut Educational Media Association  
Board Meeting**

September 7, 2006  
Yalesville Elementary School, Wallingford, CT

**Present:** Christopher Barlow, David Bilmes, Gayle Bogel, Barbara Bourque, Kate Candido, Tricia Colonnese, Martha Djang, Lois Garrison, Bob Hibson, Marilyn Hoitt, Irene Kwidzinski, Jeanne Lawrence, Sewell Pruchnik, Janet Roche, Judy Savage, Mary Shukie, Ellen Speirs, Bonnie Symansky, Sharman Tait

**Absent:** Jill Dailey, Paula Danzman, Susan Eblen, Diane Kimball, Jean Lowery, Katrina Palazzolo, Paula Patterson, Hedy Siegel, Mary Shukie, Art Skerker, Jenifer Smolnik, Nancy Strong, Rachel Tonucci, Anne Weimann, Stephanie Zogby

**AGENDA**

- 1) Call to order by Janet at 5:40
- 2) Approval of minutes—June 6, 2006—Moved by Irene, Second by Judy. Approved unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's Report - Spent \$4,800, brought in \$12,000 current balance almost \$50,000. Noted that not much conference funds coming in yet.
- 4) Vice President's Report - Need Regional reps from three of six regions (3, 5, 6). Asked for names of anyone interested. Fall Festival September 28. Trying something new this year with six different fall festivals in each region. Definitely have two scheduled, likely a third. Looking to expand next year with as many as possible. There will be a flyer going out with CEMAGram with information on each festival enabling those interested to choose which festival they want to attend. Will need to start planning soon with IP2 members for spring workshop(s).
- 5) President's Report
- 6) Awards Report - Have nominations for all of awards except for Jay award. All are contested except one. Also have one nomination for 2007.
- 7) Conference Report - Conference information posted on web site as well as CEMA-L  
A Connecticut author's reception will be held on the first day of the conference, Sunday evening, for first time this year, with over two dozen authors coming. Author's information will be on web site as well as information on Monday workshops. September 20 is early registration deadline.  
Will use Survey Monkey tool to try match number of attendees with workshops so that the largest rooms will be assigned to the workshops that have the most expected attendees.
- 8) Budget - Ellen Speirs, new Finance chair, and Julie Hulten presented information. They explained that the budget they are presenting is for July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008. New budget dates and fiscal year now brought in line. Reviewed various expenses with respective Committee Chairs. After discussion over some budget line item expenses, Janet noted that budget does not need to be voted on at this meeting, just needs to be ready for Conference in November.

9) Instead of Committee Reports and Division Reports, or Old Business, the Board will review Concerns and Recommendations

Janet explained that she is not pushing for one position or another on these issues, just to bring them to Board for discussion, not to necessarily decide on any at this meeting. Major decisions need to be brought to members and maybe not just via the annual meeting at the conference. They would need to be open to discussion over a longer period to bring in more members into the process. Janet provided a summary of issues discussed at a meeting over the summer by some Board members.

Communication/Publicity

Membership

Awards and Grants

Programs

Mission Statement of CEMA

Name

Fiscal Viability

Structure

Staffing and Outsourcing

10) New Business

11) Adjourn at 7:05

**Next meeting:** October 2, 2006

**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)