

MCLA Meeting      January 27, 2011

Regions represented: Joanne Harriman, Hancock County; Gayla Labrec, At-Large; Donna Wolfram, Penquis; Beth Clifford, Washington; Jan Goldsberry, York; Chris Howell, Cumberland; Cathy McCue, Western.

President C.Howell called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Moved: L.Graham    Second: D.Wolfram

To accept the minutes of October 25 as written or with corrections.

Unanimously approved.

Moved: D.Wolfram    Second: C.McCue

To accept the Financial Report as presented by Lee Graham, Treasurer.

Unanimously approved.

Decline in membership from a consistent 100 to 77 this past fall was discussed.

Possibility that there is a decline in the number of people in the position with consolidation and decline in revenue. It was suggested the Membership Committee review the membership. Lee will compare lists over time.

#### Old Business

Fall Conference was attended by 94 people on the first day and far less on the second day. In comparison the MPA had 122 attendees at the Fall Conference. On the same day as MCLA, Maine ASCD had their conference. Participant feedback was positive. Resources were sent to Howie. Howie sent out certificates of attendance. Some issues with e-mail were corrected.

#### Budget and Finance: none

Member Services and Benefits: The committee will look into membership decline. Spring conference planning – Supporting Transitions to the Common Core; Have a keynote to start things off and then allow table groups to discuss how folks are working on these. Suggested that could use Kentucky and Delaware work. Also an update from the MCCL work on the Measurement Topics and the structure of the program being used by MCCL was proposed. Discussion around McMel.org change model resulted in the decision that Cathy will contact Mike Muir. Diana shared that there will be a leadership institute this summer July 9-13 on change and building capacity as a leader and modeled after the Harvard Leadership institutes from the past(cost will be around the cost of a graduate cours: 1200-1600 dollars). They are also trying to coordinate with the Cohort and MLTI to avoid conflict. The committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 1 at 1pm. Diana will wait to be in touch with Kentucky and Delaware about the common core folks. Diana will set up a conference line for that meeting.

Policy: Chris reported on the executive committee meeting on the legislation. Dianna shared that comments can be made between going into committee and coming out. When it comes out of committee out to pass there is very little conversation. Difficulty with legislation is that in a short session is that everything

is compacted. The five governors bills are being moved forward this session. Checking legislative website is a proactive measure to be able to comment on legislation and the group decided that we would check the website daily and communicate with each other about the legislation. Dianna was asked to give Chris a heads up.

MCLA partnerships: Educate Maine is now the group that has subsumed MCEE. Discussion about how to interface with Maine Cohort for Customized Learning focus on how to partner with MCCL which would demonstrate that we see the MCCL work as moving learning forward. Partnering with groups would be mutually beneficial to support the influence of education policy in Maine. The group agreed that we should have a process for partners and that we need to continue to think about it.

Chris reported on the stakeholders group information on the Strategic Plan from the DOE; the plan has not been completed to the point where responsibilities for carrying out the plan have been determined. Input into the NCLB waiver has not been determined. Diana posed question to the Commissioner about stakeholder comment on the NCLB waiver.

Beth requested that the Curriculum Leader of the Year award be updated on the website. Diana thanked the group and acknowledged the collaboration that makes the difference. Chris will contact John Brandt to update. Chris and Jan will check o pictures.

Without objection C.Howell, president, declared the meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm.