

**MINUTES
May 18, 2009**

**Annual Meeting
The Education Cooperative
1112 High Street
Dedham, MA 02027**

In attendance: Robin Ahigian, Patric Barbieri, Anne Booth, Maureen Canner, Larry Carroll, Jacki Clark, Catherine Cooper, Cathy Cummins, Leo Egan, Bill Erickson, John Farrington, John Fletcher, George Flynn, Bob Gass, Beth Gonyea, Marty Hanley, Susan Cuoco Hassan, David Heimbecker, Paul Hilton, Cathy Lawson, John Mara, Anne McKenzie, Richard Murphy, Mike Palladino, Susan Rees, Marco Rodrigues, Mike Savage, Joan Schuman, Nancy Slater, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Nancy Sullivan, Teresa Watts, Anita Woods

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:40 a.m.

I. AESA Video

II. Commissioner Chester

Commissioner Chester shared his thoughts that Massachusetts needs regional structures that support the state agenda and deliver state services.

Steve Theall stated that MOEC believes that districts should have several options for building capacity and collaboratives can be one of those options.

Several directors informed Commissioner Chester that MOEC can establish five regions without state assistance since this development is already happening, with superintendents participating in the discussions.

III. Executive Director's Report

Steve Theall shared some of the activities in which he has been involved on MOEC's behalf:

- MASS Executive Board Presentation
- Legislative Leader Meetings
 - Chair Marty Walz, House Education Chair
 - Chair Bob O'Leary, Senate Education Chair
 - Assistant Chair Allen McCarthy, House Education Committee
 - Assistant Chair Ken Donnelly, Senate Education Committee
- Suburban Coalition
- MASC Regional Schools Subcommittee
- MOEC Professional Development Leaders
- MOEC Business Officials
- Legislative Initiatives
 - Special Education Transportation Budget Amendment
 - HB379: An act relative to education collaboratives

- HB422: An act clarifying the rights of employees in educational collaboratives
- Harvard Roundtable of Superintendents
- MASS Spring Meeting

IV. Regional Network Discussion

The membership discussed the progress made on this initiative.

V. Preferred Provider Follow-up

The membership discussed the progress made on this initiative.

VI. DESE Feedback: SEI Professional Development Training Grant Program, Laura Milano, DESE and Paula Merchant

Executive Directors whose collaboratives have participated in the DESE SEI Professional Development trainings shared their thoughts on why sign-ups have declined for these trainings.

VII. Lunch and Retiree Recognition

Susan Cuoco Hassan thanked Anne Booth, John Connolly, Walter Healey, Judy Riggs, and Mike Savage for their service to MOEC.

VIII. Benefits Management Presentation, Anne Booth, Shore Collaborative and Jennifer Borislow, Borislow Insurance

Jennifer Borislow offered advice on managing employee benefits.

IX. MOEC By-law Change

A motion was made and seconded to amend the MOEC by-laws:

That the MOEC By-laws be amended to include a standing committee entitled “Founders Committee” under Article VI, Section 2 and state “Membership eligibility for the Founders Committee is open to any retired executive director who is interested in promoting and advocating for educational collaboratives in the Commonwealth.”

And also that Article VII of the MOEC By-laws be amended by adding a Section 6:

“The duties of the Founders Committee shall be to:

- a. Advise the Board of Directors as requested on organizational priorities and history
- b. Retain the institutional memory and wisdom of retired collaborative executive directors”

The motion passed unanimously 20-0-0.

X. Presentation of FY 10 Budget

Richard Murphy presented the FY 10 Budget, to be approved at the June executive board meeting.

Steve Theall informed the membership that the Special Education Transportation Networks budget amendment did not get into the House budget and is unlikely to get into the Senate budget. Steve hopes districts can get

stimulus money to help them start networks or continue new networks.

Steve Theall informed the membership that the dues formula will not change for next year.

XI. Election of Officers

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of 2009-2010 MOEC officers presented by the Nomination Committee.

Officers

President	Susan Cuoco Hassan	Bi-County Collaborative
Vice-President	Joanne Haley Sullivan	North River Collaborative
Treasurer	Richard Murphy	FLLAC Collaborative
Secretary	Dorsey Yearley	EDCO Collaborative
Past President/AESA Liaison	Joan Schuman	Hampshire Educational Collaborative

Regional Representatives

West Region	Anne McKenzie	Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative
Central Region	Beth Gonyea	Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative
North Region	Bob Gass	North Shore Education Consortium
South Region	Catherine Cooper	Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative
Greater Boston Region	Susan Rees	ACCEPT Metrowest Education Collaborative

The motion passed unanimously 20-0-0.

XII. Other Business

Steve Theall asked for suggestions for locations for general membership meetings.

Joan Schuman suggested that members attend AESA CEO conference in Napa in July.

Joan Schuman informed the membership that Franklin County will probably join HEC in fall. Five of the 11 school committees have approved; the rest will need to.

Steve Theall suggested that MOEC have a fund balance policy that everyone can bring to their boards.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.
Submitted by Caroline Sabin