

MOEC May General Membership Meeting Notes
May 9, 2022
Zoom Video Conference

Attendees: Joanne Haley Sullivan, Liz McGonagle, Theresa Craig, Chris Scott, Roland Joyal, Cyndy Taymore, Kim Oliveira, Fran Rosenberg, Paul Hilton, David Heimbecker, Sanchita Banerjee, Jacki Clark, Catherine Cooper, Jennifer Gates, Arnold Lundwall, Cathay Cummins, Donna Flaherty, James George, Clarice Doliber, Rick Reino, Paulajo Gaines, Ruth Hersh, Nina Marchese, Christine Romancewicz, Commissioner Riley, Jessica Leitz, Russell Johnston, Leldamy, Cliff Chuang, Regina Robinson, Marina Gonzalez-Ang

Liz McGonagle opened the meeting at 9:03am and turned the meeting over to Joanne Haley Sullivan.

Executive Director Report

The Regional Liaison meeting with the Commissioner took place on April 12th.

Job-alike meetings. The Human Resources Job Alike group met and discussed hiring challenges that they are facing and also upcoming Job Fairs. The PD Job Alike group met and discussed plans for a Leadership Academy for Leaders of Therapeutic Schools to be held in FY23.

In-Home Services Leaders, Tech Directors, and Equity Specialists also met in April.

MOEC Collaborative Communication Strategy

MOEC has contracted with John Guilfoil Public Relations Firm to create a series of stories and articles highlighting the good work of collaboratives.

Our first article was announcing the SCRO Symposium and can be found on the MOEC Website [here](#). The second article ([link](#)) was about a St. Patrick Day Luncheon for Senior Citizens served by TEC students. Subsequent articles have been about a [book for IEP and 504 Teams](#) published by two leaders at CES, and an article that highlights the work of collaboratives to [support mental health](#).

2022 MASC and M.A.S.S Annual Joint Conference is planned for Wednesday November 2, 2022 through Saturday November 5, 2022, at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis. The General Conference Theme is *Promoting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Creating the Narrative to Define the Message*.

Joanne had the opportunity to discuss MOEC's "presence" at the conference and we are optimistic that we will have name tags indicating who is a collaborative Board member in addition to a school committee member/superintendent. Additionally, we plan to host a breakfast session to allow for further networking of collaborative Board members and to increase their knowledge of MOEC as an entity.

FY23 MOEC Budget

The Finance Committee prepared, and the Board has recommended, the proposed [FY23 MOEC Budget](#). Chris Scott presented the budget for membership consideration, including a restructuring of the dues tiers that has been previously approved by the Finance Committee and Board to support the budget for and beyond FY23.

Theresa Craig made a motion that the FY23 Budget be adopted as presented for final acceptance by the general membership in the total amount of \$211,984. Fran Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Roland Joyal made a motion that the FY23 Budget Proposed Dues Tiers Restructuring be adopted. Jacki Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Scott provided the [Treasurer's Report](#) for the Board.

Catherine Cooper made a motion for the Treasurer's Report to be approved as presented. Theresa Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presented the [Slate of Officers](#) for the membership's consideration for election.

David Heimbecker made a motion that the slate of officers be elected as presented. Catherine Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the election of the Slate of Officers, the Nominating Committee presented the Regional Liaison Representatives to fulfill the terms of those members who moved into officer roles.

Theresa Craig made a motion that the nominees for Regional Liaison Representatives be elected as presented. Jacki Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Riley

We welcomed Commissioner Riley to today's meeting. Our time with him included a presentation from several panelists about [Collaborative family support partnerships](#) with districts, a brief update from the Commissioner about where we are now and what he sees for next year, and questions and comments from the Membership.

As a follow up to the panel presentation about Family Supports Partnerships with Districts, we will take a deeper dive into this topic during the Wednesday Executive Director Job Alike meeting. Everyone is welcome to [join us](#).

Regina Robinson suggested that we create a framework, Success Stories, Outcomes, Goals Common Across Collaboratives, White paper. It was suggested that MOEC create a webpage reflecting the family supports partnerships that the districts have with Collaboratives.

Russell Johnston suggested a statewide model where collaboratives work together and continue to grow, but unique at each collaborative.

Commissioner Riley recognized the importance of this work and stated that we “Can’t begin instruction until we deal with the more primary needs of the students.” He also mentioned a possible return to deeper learning this fall; bringing the joy and excitement back to the classroom.

MOEC Annual Report

This year’s annual report was presented in powerpoint format to bring everyone up to date on the work that has been accomplished this year toward meeting our goals.

The report highlighted the advocacy efforts, professional development, networking, finance/budget, and policy development work that has taken place this year. Despite all of the challenges, it has been a very productive year for us in our efforts together.

Joanne and Liz asked for input from the group about mentoring and professional development needs:

- Shifting from District Thinking to Collaborative Thinking
- Creativity while balancing finances
- Relationship building with districts and the community
- Think of it as a broad based strategy
- Cohort for new Executive Directors (within their first three years?)

Joanne suggested that we may form a subcommittee to discuss this topic next year.

Executive Director Evaluation

Liz McGonagle reviewed the [evaluation of the Executive Director](#), which was previously accepted by the Board at the April Board meeting.

Recognition of Members

The Board recognized Cyndy Taymore, who is leaving her position at EDCO this year. We thanked her for her leadership in this interim role of closing EDCO. Joanne thanked the outgoing Board members for their exemplary work and dedication to MOEC.

President’s Remarks

Outgoing MOEC President Liz McGonagle shared her final remarks with the membership and reflected on her time as president.

Voluntary Meeting

MOEC members were invited to join us in a brief presentation from ArxED and learn more about ways they may improve your ability to “work smarter” through the use of state-wide data collection.

ArxED, a tech company CREST Collaborative has used for mandated training for the past several months, is in the process of developing a data analysis tool. Kim Oliveira is working with them to add data that will be specifically useful for collaboratives. This tool can provide collaboratives with data that is not currently easily available to us via DESE, and can be useful to us in planning, budgeting, programming, creating annual reports and Board communications. As an advisory member, Kim was hoping to gather input from collaboratives in regards to data that would be useful to everyone.