

Massachusetts Computer Using Educators

General Meeting 5/07/04
Holiday Inn, Worcester, MA

Attendees: Diane Adamovitz, Ed Biggs, Elizabeth Bogardus, Linda Colvin, Glenn Coolong, Kathy Galvin, Mike Hayes, Laurie Keating, Steve Lamarche, Walter MacKenzie, Steve Miller, Jim Modena, Reza Namin, Bev Reber, Lelia Richardson, Algot Runeman, Carol Schuster, Paula Torrielli, Dorothy Wright

Call to Order: 6:50

President's Remarks

Laurie Keating introduced the Board members who were present, as well as very active members from the conference and other committees.

Opening Remarks

Reza Nemin discussed the past year with MassCUE, including the Palm Educational Technology Training held in March 2003, the handheld based annual conference in November 2003, and the transitions to the new President and current Executive Board.

Secretary's Report

Elizabeth Bogardus reported on making Executive Board minutes available online at the MassCUE site. <http://www.masscue.org> Minutes are posted as PDF files each month after Board acceptance of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Lamarche discussed reestablishing a budget and being a fiscally responsible organization. He emphasized the grassroots efforts of the MassCUE members and Board.

SIG Report

Beverly Reber, SIG Coordinator, presented an update on Special Interest Groups from the past year.

Motion to accept Bev/Ed) All in favor.

Conference 2003 Report

The report was presented by Laurie Keating for Marcy Reed.

Website Report

Jim Modena discussed extending and creating the Conference section of the site.

MEC hosts the MassCUE site for free.

A web designer is working to develop templates in Dreamweaver to enhance the current organization site and the conference site.

Guest Speaker: Steve Miller, Mass Networks

Steve discussed the political and fiscal problems faced by the educational technology community today.

Guest Speaker: Mike Hayes, TechCorps

Mike discussed the role of TechCorps, a national non-profit agency that brings technology volunteers into K-12 schools to support networks and curriculum. Tech4Schools is a virtual program of TechCorps which helps educators troubleshoot and get answers to their technology questions. Web Teacher is an online modular program which educators can use to learn about using technology. Student TechCorp program builds a structured program to train students to support technology in their school systems. This is a certified, 30 hour online program, with a 2 hour exam at the end of the program.

Motion to adjourn 7:50: (Charlie/Reza) All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Bogardus, Secretary