



Massachusetts Computer Using Educators

Promoting New Visions of Teaching & Learning

Regular meeting of the MassCUE Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, December 01, 2005

Laurie Keating, President; called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present: Linda Colvin, Glenn Coolong, Deborah Donohue, Ellen Driscoll, Kathy Galvin, Laurie Keating, Priscilla Kotyk, Walter McKenzie, Beverly Reber, Ragen Tiliakos, Brenda Dubrey, and Dorothy Wright,

Absent: Steven Lamarche, Linda Allen, Lorelle Alessio

Also Present: Lelia Richardson

Beverly Reber indicated that the new SIG Leaders training program is scheduled for January 19th. She indicated that there are new SIGs. They are:

North Attleboro Assistive technology – Debra Reichard
Cape Cod Regional – Kris Hansen – Dennis Yarmouth
Dighton/Rehoboth – Judy Gallagher and Jeanne Dennis
Gifted With Special Needs Online – Marcia McLean
Music SIG – Sudbury – Rex Phung
Taunton/Fall River - Ann Marie Levesque
Video SIG – North Attleboro - Aaron Stimpson and Justin Allen

Three of the SIGS are planning meetings.

Moodle – Aaron Mandel and Susan Chase – Governor Dummer
Universal Design in Learning – Barnstable – Beth Knittle and Patty Gardiner
Online Learning in Middle & High Schools SIG Romeo Marquis

The SIG retreat was well attended and the evaluations were good.

Next year, we would like to have the retreat in a different location. The retreat went as planned and we were generally pleased with it. Next year, the retreat should be interactive and plan a more relaxing Friday night activity. There was discussion about setting guidelines for online SIGS. Some of the items to be addressed include:

MassCUE Calendar
Maintaining current information
Interactivity
Scheduled interactions

Monitor participation
Blackboard, Moodle, MassONE, etc.

Beverly indicated that she wanted the SIG leaders to give us a structure for their SIG.

Upcoming Dates:

New SIG Leaders Dinner January 19
SIG Leaders Appreciation Dinner June 1
SIG Leaders Training Sept 29, 30
Conference – November 15, 16

At the MassCUE conference, a membership drive was announced with incentives. The drive will run from December 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006. Any member that refers five new members receives a fifty dollar certificate to one of the following:

- Legal Seafood
- Staples
- Ninety-Nine
- Home Depot
- CompUSA

If they refer twenty members they receive an iPod. Membership benefits beginning January 1, 2006 include:

- Reduced rates to MassCUE events
- Access to a password-protected section of the MassCUE web site with links to publications available to MassCUE members only
- Invitation to MassCUE reception at annual National Educational Computing Conference (San Diego 7/06)
- Monthly, calendar, quarterly journal, annual membership directory
- Eligibility to join MassCUE's email Announcements List and/or Blog

Lorrelle will put an ad in the MTA monthly regarding the membership drive.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

Voted: To approve the minutes dated September 30, 2005

Kathy Galvin submitted the treasurer's report. She indicated that the CDs are maturing.

Hometown CD:	6 month CD	\$20,000.00	matures December, 2005
Cert 4:	6 month CD	\$24,214.62	matures February, 2006

She will meet with the accountant about the tax return and develop a budget

Board Appointments: The President asked the nonvoting members of the board to leave the room.

Priscilla Kotyk, Deborah Donahue, Walter McKenzie, Kathy Galvin, Ellen Driscoll, and Laurie Keating considered the many nominees.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously
Voted: to appoint Brenda Dubrey and Glen Coolong to replace the open elected board members slots from now until May.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously
Voted: to appoint Lorelle Alessio, Linda Colvin, Beverly Reber, Ragen Tiliakos, Gabrielle Richard-Harrington, Steve Lamarche and Linda Allen to the board from now until the end of Laurie and Walter's term of office.

Nonvoting members returned to the room and the vote was announced.

Conference committee will have comprehensive report at the next meeting. The vendors were pleased and there were very few problems. The dates for next year's conference are November 15th and November 16th. There was concern about the dates for submitting the school district's technology plan and its proximity to the dates of the conference. The board will provide Connie Louie with the dates for next year's conference. MassCUE must book the dates more than a year in advance to reserve the conference center. Dorothy Wright presented a report for the Cue Central Conference participation. On Monday, November 14th, there were 140 participants and 142 participants on Tuesday, November 15. Sister Carol Skehan and Dorothy recommended a Cue Central sign on the door and a printer in the room for next year.

Ragen Tiliakos volunteered to organize the reception at NECC 2006 in San Diego. The conference dates are July 4th through July 7th. New Hampshire is interested in participating in a New England reception. Connecticut and NISTE are possible partners. There is a cost of \$100.00 for affiliate meetings. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Westin Horton Plaza. It was suggested that the officers and the Chairman of the Board attend the NECC convention. A decision regarding who will attend will be made at the January 20th meeting.

The deadline for submission of articles for on Cue is December 1, 2005. The website has been updated to include information about the Spring Technology Leadership Symposium.

Leila indicated that the membership directory is currently mailed to all members. The board will consider making membership CDs and who should have access to the electronic format.

The Spring Technology Leadership Symposium on March 20th will offer four time slots with seven sessions each slot. There are eight potential presenters doing no more than three presentations.

A MassCUE Grants Initiative Committee has been established. Beverly Reber, Priscilla Kotyk, Joan Ciampa, Ed Briggs are members of the committee. The committee needs to know the amount of money available for grants and develop policies and procedures. It

may be possible to offer vendor discount to members from the MassCUE web page. The committee will approach CCV as a pilot project to offer scholarships or grants available only to MassCUE members. The committee will come up with recommendations for the board.

The changes in the Bylaws for Massachusetts Computer Using Educators, Inc. were presented to the board. It was suggested that the document be called bylaws and procedures. There were suggestions on how to format the document. Laurie indicated that she would set up an area in MassOne for comments on the bylaws and procedures for MassCUE

Priscilla Kotyk has created an area for us to discuss the book *Good to Great* in Moodle. Board members are responsible for responding to the study questions. Directions for creating a new account were distributed to each board member.

At 7:45 P.M., on a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously
Voted: to adjourn

Respectfully submitted

Ellen M. Driscoll