



Massachusetts Computer Using Educators

**Promoting New Visions of Teaching & Learning**

Minutes respectfully Submitted by Ragen Tiliakos in Ellen Driscoll's absence.

Regular meeting of the MassCUE Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, March 2, 2008.  
Walter McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Present (9): Michael Purdy, Casey Giordani, Romeo Marquis, Lorelle Alessio, Walter McKenzie, Steve Lamarche, Beverly Reber, Linda Colvin, and Ragen Tiliakos

Absent (6) : Priscilla Kotyk, Ellen Driscoll, Gaby Richard-Harrington, Linda Allen, Wendy Haskell, and Deborah Donohue

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

On a motion duly made and seconded; it was unanimously voted: to approve minutes dated February 2, 2007

The Finance Committee Report for March 2007 was presented by Steve Lamarche.  
(here is where I entered)

Steve shared that committee was a natural place to start since it was the big money maker for the organization.

Romeo asked if there were any trends discovered from the conference budget comparison. Most evident was decrease in registrations. Discussed reasons: decrease in school budgets for PD, technology is becoming a part of many content conferences thus providing more choices, and past negative experiences such as not being able to meet the capacity of a very large attendance.

Discussed the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a subcommittee with a separate budget. Then next Finance Committee meeting on Monday, March 19 will include a representative from the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary subcommittee to develop a budget to recommend to the Board.

On a motion duly made and seconded; it was unanimously voted to: Approve a working budget for the 2007 conference.

The Outreach Committee Report for March 2007 was presented by Romeo Marquis.

Has had a good response to invitations to participate. Outreach seems to be two groups, school administration and higher education.

The SIG Committee Report for March 2007 was presented by Beverly Reber.

Gaby Richard-Harrington new SIG Chair (not present). Good start with sharing.  
New SIGS include: Michael Whittier, aspiring tech leaders (1 meeting);  
Kathy Schrock with the Cape Cod group, Wendy Haskell, co-chaired with Ragen  
Tiliakos: SCITT (a long standing group).  
Possibility: Eskin from Norwell.

PD and SIG to join together along with the Board in the leadership retreat.  
Instead of the historical SIG appreciation dinner, we will have a SIG appreciation lunch  
at the retreat.

The Professional Development Committee Report for March 2007 was presented by  
Lorelle Allesio.

The Retreat Schedule (see report).

April 13: Alan November

April 14: Moodle, Conflict management, brainstorm...ongoing professional  
development, some vision on where to go

Conference, Retreat, something in the summer.

Romeo: requests that attendees complete a pre-work assignment on Moodle for the  
conflict management. Required

Bev requests room for the SIG leaders to come night before. Lorelle notes that there is  
not enough room at the inn. We can set up people at a local motel for SIG people who  
want to come the night before.

Adobe who would be willing to come to demonstrate Communicator during retreat.  
Can we do podcasting for those who couldn't make retreat. We had discussed using  
Communicator and Moodle.

Romeo: what would be the benefit? Walter: Synchronous..meetings.

Romeo: Similar to Illuminate? You can get free room in Illuminate, but limited.

The Communications Report for March 2007 was presented by Walter McKenzie.

Rob Reilly has been named managing editor for OnCue.

Get everything in by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Regional ISTE Board icon is now on website

MassCUE will retrain integrity and autonomy.

Outreach is on website

Members only areas (present by June)

Webbie Awards, kick off this week. Assignments to evaluate. Glad that it doesn't cost,  
give websites recognition.

Symposium happened, survived, lots of positive responses.

ISTE have they established a budget and how does each (\$250).

Motion, we gave \$600, everybody will give their share.

NE ISTE Affiliates events will be covered by fees generated.

Nothing will be done without MassCUE approval. Will formalize the reporting of it.

Very general by-laws.

The By-laws, Policies and Procedures Report for March 2007 was presented by Beverly Reber.

Size of committees,

Roles of the chair and committee members.

Attending meetings and having tasks.

The goals of each committee.

Arthur Jackman would like to return.

Monday, March 12...get reports to Deb her to the in the next week.

Grants Report for March 2007 presented by Beverly Reber.

Grants on Moodle

Letters to be finalized and sent.

Conference presentations...Bev will provide RFPs to those who want to present. See what we get before limiting.

Next meeting April 4.

Steve recommends that they meet with Bev to recommend a budget.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Voted on Town Bank. Motion did not carry. Walter says it should go back to finance, look at 3 statewide institutions. Provide a recommendation.

Discussion on what is meant by statewide: something available around the state. Have we looked at every option?

Lorelle: Makes a motion that finance chooses 3 banks that have a broad geographical access in Massachusetts and present them back to the board.

Bev seconds it.

7 for, 1 opposed and 1 abstained.

Please define statewide: That has a geographic distribution

Discussion on what is "statewide."

Walter: New England ISTE Leadership Event

Adobe doesn't really fit right now.

Very interested in NETS

Interest in First Class (sales person)

Initial by-laws.

Discussion: Who is going to participate and what would be the cost?

Intel and ISTE and cost would be born by the participants.

Will offer to member of all 6 states.

Intel leadership forum: New Hampshire...how many PDPs going on. Definitely energetic.

Teachers of the Future: Tech leaders strategies for developing programs...train-the – trainer. A one day thing. Not pricey.

ISTE Leadership, sent team. More pricey. Over the summer when you can get people together. School district that want to take a look at how far they have gotten with technology...and what they would like to do.

Request to inviting Connie Louie. Can we cover her stay-over costs?

Walter:

Motion we pay for Connie Louie's room overnight at the NE ISTE Affiliate meeting? (\$79)

Linda seconds the motion.

NECC 2007:

Fare and registration reimbursements.

Use of Group Planner. We posted our group events, to show what we are doing.

New England reception on Tuesday night.

Margaret Myers award winning integration specialist from Tasmania. Would you like to have dinner with us at NECC (Monday night.)? She will be at Alan November conference.

NE ISTE Affiliates has been given a place at the Affiliates meeting to do a panel.

MassCUE polo shirts. Rockland Athletics: Needs 3 weeks, 100 percent cotton. Embroidered. \$24 and \$30 a piece.

15 board members and

Sig leaders

Casey motions that we budget \$1000 for polo-shirts.

Board sig leader and sig committee member

Need a firm number.

Pale Yellow. Neutral (gray) with MassCUE, 25 years

Above a certain amount must have board approval.

Casey motions that we secure a polo-shirt b, sig com, sig leader, mass cue / not to exceed \$30 per shirt.

Michael Second.

Vote: unanimous.

ISTE Special Awards

Kathy is thrilled. Alan has excited! First Keynote.

ISTE took over the award. Took over the cost. Black and Pink embroidered jackets.

Old Business: eNews letter.

A mockup of an RFP. Electronically.

Michael motions and Romeo seconds that we send ut the rfp

Unanimous.

## Old Business: DOE GRANT

Walter: Year ago, we are putting out a grant. As a partner to benefit from money to promote MassONE, table space, doe reps, ethereal...expected us to offer around the state MassONE training. Negotiate, what we can do to make Connie Louie, what we are capable to support. Should develop Guidelines to how we commit ourselves to the future. Move ByLaw and Policies to come up with a recommendation and bring back to board.

New Business: New Committee appointments.  
Paula Torielli was already appointed. Take her off.  
Bypp is add Arthur Jackman.

## For the Election

Linda: Motion that we vote as a slate  
Bev seconded.  
Unanimous.

New Business: Alan November Scholarship and Attendees.  
Blurb will go on April Calendar and May 1. Younger emerging leaders.  
Cost to Board \$500. Board has paid for those interested. Different from NECC. July 18-20<sup>th</sup>, Boston Marriott, Cruise around Boston Harbor.  
Those who raised hands to attend: Steve, Bev, Linda, Michael, Casey, Ragen, Lorelle.  
8<sup>th</sup> year of the Building learning communities.

Alan's perception (was president of MassCUE) branching out, at some point, he came back to MassCUE to co sponsor said no. Felt bad. Would you let us partner with you now? Yes! Would people on board be interested in helping out?  
Explore and bring back to board.

New Business: MOODLE committee work:  
Thank you to Romeo. Dedicated work, Read only?

Casey: committees to work privately and bring to the board. Could email her to ask what she is doing. Committee eyes only. How to set that up?

Romeo looked at multiple Moodle environments. \$195 per board member (Committee).  
Chance to reassess every year. A tool kit.  
Has to consider his partner .  
It is free but you need to have the overhead (hardware, services, online.)  
The music is not in the piano.  
Ellen researched other 3<sup>rd</sup> party options.

Romeo can do it but is uncomfortable with conflict-of interest.  
Move sites, transfer...Board, the bus, Walter will manage.  
Providing level of support is not an issue.  
As a board member we are not profiting.

Another option proposed Romeo is not be on the board.  
You are not getting of the board!

Lorelle: Motion: we go with the learning curve for this year as a Moodle service provider.  
We can do this year and reassess.  
Casey second.  
7 for: 2 abstains

New Business: Elected Board Seat:  
Someone has to be moved into an appointed position. Through Nov 2008.  
An elected member can become an officer. Only if someone leaves.  
Flipped a coin. Ragen tails/ Lorelle heads  
Ragen is a member-at-large.

New Business: Election;  
Nominations by March 16. April calendar, online voting.  
Mike Purdy offers to provide a web form that writes to a database for Election.

Motion to set our own online survey (Purdy Monkey) election committee will be able to see the results.

New Business: Finance committee in the Bylaws:  
Steve: Currently the Finance Committee creates policy for spending, the need is to rework that the committee is not making policies but recommendations for policies for spending. Looking the process.  
There was some policy that was spending needed control.

Vice president can run with more than one presidential candidates. Don't want to know what the history is. Seems cock-eyed.  
President & Vice-president can run, but not necessarily with each other. We didn't have an organization where we had a lot of people to do things.  
This time we have to do status quo, but refer it to BPP.

Motion to go into executive session. Michael, Bev  
Motion to come out of executive session Bev, Casey

Adjourn. 8:27 Lorelle, Linda Unanimous.