

MAEA Massachusetts
Art Education
Association **Board Meeting**

July 25th, 2009
Fuller Craft Museum

Agenda

(Minutes taken by June Krinsky-Rudder and Coní Moore; edited by June Krinsky-Rudder)

Present: Greg Barry, Sharon Chandler, Helen Downey, Sarah Dugan, Kim Kent, June Krinsky-Rudder, Kathy Miraglia, Coní Moore, Kristi Oliver, Cory Shepherd, Mary Silvestri, (& Cindy – Interpreter), Christopher Whitehead

Treasurer's Report: (reported by June for John-Michael Gray, who sent information via email, as he was attending Scholastic Art meeting) \$8,133.75

Membership Report: (reported by Greg)

June – 570

May - 541

June 2008 – 637

NAEA membership is down too.

Of those...8 are institutional memberships

June NAEA (including Canada & foreign) – down about 1,200 (reflects number of our ranks that have been laid off recently).

Fee paid to NAEA = 4 cents per member, monthly, cost to keep active and inactive members on list with NAEA; fee also covers mailing labels, membership breakdown, etc.

Coní reports on TeamEast & membership information; 'ning' communications; incentives to join; "In unity there is strength." (attachment of Team East notes); NAEA is really working on promoting increased membership.

Fall Conference: (reported by Kathy)

Kathy late due to attending ArtWorks! Board meeting – may be able to have a teacher exhibit in conjunction with MAEA conference (possible exhibit in cases in Hallways of UMassDartmouth) *more information will be forthcoming if this develops.

Keynote Speaker: **Deborah L. Smith-Shank** from Northern Illinois University, the author of *Semiotics and Visual Culture: Sights, Signs, and Significance* [published by NAEA, 2004]

Umass Dartmouth will fund her travel, fees, lodging;

We need to select her speaking time so that we can arrange her return flight; not during lunch because people are eating;

Friday:

Registration: 2:30pm – 6pm

Conference kick-off 3-4pm?

A few hands-on workshops at the Star Store?

Walking tour of Art Galleries?

Dinners (on your own at local eateries, but arranged by UMass)

Wine & Cheese reception (Dean's Reception) – 6pm

Saturday:

Registration - 7:30-9:00 Dartmouth Campus

Workshop: A & B (2 55min or 1 1hour & half)

Speaker: 11am – 11:50

Lunch Awards: noon- 1:30pm (include lunch in registration fee)

Workshops: Walking tour option; workshops at Dartmouth or Star Store

Followed by dinner on your own

Saturday is conference – Friday is bonus for Saturday

Accommodations for Art Educators with Special Needs –

Mary says we need to have 4 weeks of lead time to plan for accommodations such as large print or translators

We need to find out:

- How much do interpreters cost for all day?
- How does state help with funding?
- Check with Liz R. about a translator from MassART
- Contact the Mass Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing 617-740-1600 also could negotiate with interpreters
- Incentives for interpreters could be membership in MFA or WAM (must check with member museums to see if it would be possible to arrange such a thing)

Conf will contact Barry S. about BU interpreters

We will need to send information to Team East, and invite additional workshop proposals.

Mary suggests we hold a meeting for the Special Needs Interest Group, and ask Peter Geisser to host it. (June to follow up with Peter.)

Deadline for proposals to be extended 'til September 15th; actual schedule can be sent out in October.

Exhibitors? Can exhibitors be accommodated at Woodland Commons, or in hallways of CVPA Bldg. where workshops will be held?

Lesley University interested in having booth.

How are vendors contacted? What fees are reasonable? (June to follow up with Tim O'Connor/John-Michael Gray – past conference coordinators – to see what has been done in the past.)

Laura Franz (chair of Computer Department at UMass Dartmouth) is interested in presenting workshops; only UMD computer faculty will be able to use the computer labs for workshops – no outside presenters will have access to the computers.

June to contact Barry Shauck to see if he is available to speak briefly at conference; Coní suggests that his presentation on membership from the Team East meeting would be interesting and appropriate.

Membership discounts - \$30 break (\$25 off attendance, \$5 off **1st time membership**)
*We will need signage that indicates 'deal' – Kathy to see if Teacher's Assistant can work on this.

Conference attendees will use Parking Lot 7; UMass Dartmouth will provide signage indicating availability of this lot for attendees.

Student assistants? Student Chapter:

Nominations for Art Educator of the Year/Friend of Art Education Awards:
(reported by June, on behalf of Eva Kearney/Carol Vogel – Nominating Committee)

Categories – Massachusetts Art Educator of the Year, Elementary Art Educator, Middle School Art Educator, Secondary Art Educator, Higher Education Art Educator, Museum Art Educator, Supervisor/Administrator, Special Needs Art Educator, Friend of Art Education

Since many schools have music people in charge of Fine Arts Department, we should contact MENC to let them make their members aware of possibility of membership/awards (for 2010?)

Coní suggests that Lurline Muñoz-Bennett (MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education)...may be a good person to ask to send out nomination forms

Also should see about getting email contact for all principals/coordinators, curriculum supervisors, (assistant superintendents?)

*Maryland presented great information on how to get nominees, at the Team East

Leadership Retreat (see back of page one Coni's notes from Team East)

Create liaisons to coordinate each area of the state (like AAS, or Boston Globe Scholastics...check in Tim/J-M...*Christopher believes that we have about 6 or 7 'regions' set up for AAS)

September 15th deadline for completed nomination forms (including CV, letters of recommendation, photographs, etc.) to be received by nomination committee. This information to be on website, and mailed to MAEA membership

Website maintenance:

“Tech Committee”(Greg, Sarah, Cory, Christopher) to meet in two weeks to discuss web policies and protocols for MAEA. (They will determine how to divide up web-related tasks in order to keep website up to date, and will make recommendations to board about this, and other policies/protocols.)

All but Cory (including Coni) have received codes for website, but need log-in information (to be supplied by June)

Archiving of email blasts?

Facebook presence?

Mailing: mailing to go out ASAP - MAEA board nomination/ballot forms, and information about conference, as well as transition to 'green' practices – no more printed newsletter, (except by request...at some point will have to charge for this, as there will be printing/ mailing costs incurred by MAEA, plus someone will have to take on the task of doing this work).

Nominations for MAEA Board:

Coni is next President (rule of succession, following two years as Vice-President)
Recommended Slate for remaining Executive Board positions:

Vice-President = Christopher Whitehead (Worcester Art Museum)

Secretary = Cory Shepherd (Nantucket Boys & Girls Club)

Treasurer = John-Michael Gray (Retired)

Scholastic Art Awards: (reported by John-Michael Gray, via email)

*This information to be posted on MAEA website, rather than added to minutes, due to lack of space. Information was not read at board meeting, in order to save time; a lot of topics required extensive discussion, and meeting was longer than planned.

Art All-State: also not discussed due to time constraints (*Article & photos

contributed by Gillian Bonazoli, AAS Coordinator, to be posted on website.)

New Business:

Potential to have member exhibits in Membership institutions – AIB, UMass Dartmouth, ICA, etc. ? (must follow up with various institutions...membership chair task?)

*Discussion: MAEA Ning Site

Coni mentions Ning used by PA for long distance link for mtg. attendance

Greg is familiar with this -- ArtEd 2.0 Ning

MAEA Ning site whole board as administrators

Ning has great policies in place

Can post personal things

Different forums;

Greg set up HS art alumni ning

Greg's Ning link:

<http://oakmontartalumni.ning.com>

If underage people will be using it advertising can be removed

NAEA ning – will have secondary sketch journals; -
(tech crew to investigate/make recommendations...set up?)

Regional vice presidents/secretaries? (possible addition of this component to board? It is done in many other states...how can we make it work in MA? How/how frequently would regional representatives meet as a group?)

Protocols needed.

Kim moves to set up a policy committee/by-laws; June seconds: (motion passes unanimously) (*Note: June had sent out a request for people interested in working on amending By-laws a few months ago; Ralph Caouette, Sarah Dugan, as well as a few others, expressed interest at that time – we will need to post a request for interested participants, and hold separate meetings (via internet?) for this purpose.)

How many art educators are in MA? (Can we get this information from DESE?)

Special Needs/Alternative representative: Mary was appointed as 'special needs representative', but feels we need to add 'alternative' to that category, as 'special needs' does not incorporate all students who are in alternative settings – seeks to make this a more inclusive category.

Future MAEA Board Meetings:

*Discussion – meetings being moved makes it difficult for some people to attend; meetings in far away locations makes it difficult for others to attend; decision to have more than one meeting site in order to make effort to accommodate different people at different sites (as we have been doing)

September = Wednesday, September 23· 5pm (dinner meeting)
UMass Dartmouth – CVPA Bldg. room263 Parking lot #7

October & November will also be held at UMass Dartmouth (dates to be announced), as our conference will be there; this will allow for more effective planning.

Boston University & Worcester Art Museum (additional sites for meetings to be held)...meet at Fuller Craft Museum again? (great location)

*Board members are asked to send known date conflicts to Coní so she can plan meetings for remainder of 2009-2010 school year. (Coní to check BU Events Calendar to schedule meetings on dates that parking will be available; this will be checked with Barry.)

At close of meeting – June becomes “Past President”, and Coní becomes “President”.