

## A4LE N E Region Executive Board Meeting 10-27-2017

Convened at 12:30 at the 2017 LearningScapes conference in Atlanta in room A704 **Present:** 

**NE Regional Board Members:** Cyndi Smith, Ron Lamarre, Pam Babuca, Robert Hendriks, Phil Poinelli, Callie Gaspary, Emily Rae, Melissa Wilfong,

A4LE International Staff: Janell Weihs, John Ramsey (in Part)

**NE Region Members:** Harry Pettoni, Paul Johnston, Craig Dailey, Larry Levato, Philip Conte, Mary Lee, Lyndon Keck, Frank Locker, Joanna Hoffschneider, Mike Kelly, Craig Mosher, Stacey Hughes, Samantha Rodriguez, Darrell MacDonald, Steve Thesler, Edward Kowalski, Bryan McKeown, Richard White, Stephen Outerbridge, Rosemary Su, Beth Penfield, Sandy Carpenter

Absent: Jason Boone, Jim Hutchison,

## **MINUTES:**

- 1) Cyndi opened the meeting and handed off responsibility to Ron as the new NE Region President. Cyndi remains on the board as Past President
- 2) Ron greeted the many members who attended noting that it was good to see so many new attendees, noting the large participation by our Canadian membership. He encouraged consideration to start a Canadian Chapter of the NE Region. Ron also thanked Cyndi for her service as President and Robert Hendriks who is now leaving the board.
- 3) Reports
  - a) Approval of Previous Minutes Rob Pillar
    - (i) Minutes were approved unanimously
  - b) Treasurers Report Rob Pillar
    - (i) Balance: \$70,815.15
    - (ii) Rob noted that this balance is due to diligence of previous leadership who focused on financial stewardship when the region struggled financially. The balance gives us an opportunity to invest in strategic initiatives that benefit the Region such as:
      - 1. Exhibiting at state educational associations to develop partnerships and market A4LE to state decision makers. So far, we have exhibited in Massachusetts and New York.
      - 2. Sponsoring scholarships to public sector administrators and educators
        - a. To attend A4LE events.
        - To go through the Advanced Academy
      - 3. Defraying expenses of SchoolsNext teams to participate in the competition at the LearningScapes conferences.
      - 4. Other initiatives are being considered.
  - c) International Board Phil Poinelli,
    - Robert reported that the ALEP exam is being abandoned. The commission has identified core competencies required for the discipline, and a portfolio review and interview process will replace the exam.
    - ii) Phil reported that a resource system is being developed and noted the "Learning Spaces" magazine as an example. He also encouraged everyone to sign up for the various committees.

- d) Membership Emily Rae
  - i) The region now has 330 members
  - ii) Plans are to implement some social media opportunities for the region.
- e) Schools Next Melissa Wilfong / Paul Bradshaw
  - i) St. Michaels is our winner for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.
  - ii) The High school program is still in development.
- 4) Meeting adjourned at 1:30
- 5) Next Meeting will be held at 12:00 on November 30,2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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