



A4LE Northeast Region Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 29, 2018

Convened: 12:05 pm

Board Present: Jason Boone, Kieran Wilmes, Larry Levato, Paul Johnston, Rob Pillar, Dick Moretti

Guests Present: Edi Francesconi, Phil Poinelli

Board Absent: Callie Gaspary, Lorraine Finnegan, Ron Lamarre

1. Reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report (Dick Moretti) – Dick Reported that the NE Region checking account balance as of November 7, 2018 is \$56,986.34. He also indicated that he forwarded to members of the Board three financial reports, including the Check Register, Transaction Detail, and the Profit/Loss statement (also included with these minutes). All of these were received from A4LE and are dated November 7, 2018. He reminded the Board that the Annual NE Region Conference is the primary source of funding for the Region for the entire year. Dick indicated that he is working on a NE Region Conference Budget for the Boston conference and review several “open” items with the Board including Conference fees, Post-Conference Workshop fees, and various other items. He indicated that he would be forwarding that budget immediately for Board review. Dick also indicated that once the Conference Budget is finalized, he will begin working with the Board on a yearly budget as required by the By-Laws.
- b. International Board Report (Rob Pillar) – Rob indicated that at the Chicago Board meeting two issues were discussed. First, was the response to national disasters. A policy which states that the organization would not contribute A4LE funds (global, region, and chapter levels) but would engage in fund raising activities to assist in disaster relief efforts was adopted. Second, was the Global Task Force recommendation where the Board approved the general direction as outlined at the Chicago Conference by David Schrader. Details will be worked out in the future but will, in general, be aligned around a country-centric model. David is chairing that group and will be coming to the Regions for input. Rob also reported that the Board worked on Steering Committee structure and assignments. Three Steering Committees were developed, which included Membership, Knowledge Center, and Development. Sub-Committees under each Steering Committee will be developed.
- c. Membership Report (Ron Lamarre) – No Report

- d. New England Chapter Report (Lorraine Finnegan) – Jason indicated that the Furniture Fair could not be incorporated into the Spring Conference. It will be looked at as a New England Chapter event. Some Chapter positions remain to be filled.
- e. New York Chapter Report (Paul Johnston) – Paul discussed the need to boost interest in conference calls to build membership and leadership to organize events. Have done various events and building tours this past year. Paul indicated that the Chapter has work to do to engage more of the state in A4LE Chapter activities. No current events are currently scheduled, but scheduling for 3 or 4 events is expected shortly for the upcoming year.
- f. Chesapeake Bay/Delaware Valley Chapter Report (Kieran Wilmes) – Kieran indicated that a new Board is beginning their terms. The Board has a monthly conference call that is well attended. Kieran indicated that the Phoenixville Early Learning event was very good and was well attended. They are working on scheduling more events, especially those that leverage school/educational personnel participation. Working to connect more with Western Pennsylvania.
- g. Schools Next Report (Melissa Wilfong) – No Report

2. Old Business:

- a. 2019 Conference Planning (Jason Boone/Callie Gasparly) – Jason indicated that an email was sent by Callie previously outlining progress to date. All contracts are signed and all committees are formed. Will be reaching out to Michael Dorn as a keynote speaker. Phil indicated that he will have a list of potential off-site venues. Phil has also put together a series of school tours for consideration. Because of the numerous number of potential good school tour sites, there may be as many as three different tours. General discussion. Dick briefly reviewed the budget and will forward for Board review and approval. Phil explained that the global Board of Directors and Executive Committee would like to have their mid-year face to face meeting attached to our Northeast Region Conference. Phil indicated that the Region at which they attend, typically waives the conference registration fee for the group. Phil proposed that this policy be adopted for this conference. Dick moved and Larry seconded, Board unanimously approved. Edi indicated that the Call for Speakers needs to go out with all the attendant verbiage. Jason will follow up with Callie.
- b. 2020 Conference Planning (Larry Levato) – Discussion of Penn State as the venue for the conference. Jason asked for the Board to consider this option and will likely finalize in December. A possible poll the membership on various venues was discussed.

3. New Business:

- a. Appointment of Officers to Regional Board of Directors – Secretary/Treasurer & Membership Chair (Jason Boone) – Jason Boone appointed Dick Moretti as Secretary/Treasurer for the remainder of the term vacated by Rob Pillar for the remainder of the 2018-19 cycle. Moved by Larry, seconded by Rob - approved unanimously. Membership Chair appointment tabled.

- b. Discussion of Vacant Positions – Three current vacant positions including President Elect and Secretary/Treasurer in New England Chapter and President Elect position in the New York Chapter. Consideration should be given to filling these positions as soon as possible.
- c. Strategic Planning Discussion – Jason discussed keeping Strategic Planning in the forefront of our thoughts and any input from the Board would be appreciated.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:04 pm

Next Meeting: December 20, 2018 @ noon

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Moretti
Secretary/Treasurer