

MEGUG Business Meeting | Bangor Civic Center

March 3, 2011 3:45 to 4:00

Present: Aimee Dubois, Steven Weed, Vinton Valentine, Christine Manderson, John Root, Angela Brady, Ken Murchison, Gretchen Heldmann, Steve Harmon, Dave Hobbins, Dan Walters, Kerry Hall

1. Announcement of 2011 Scholarship Grant Program
 - a. Application can be found at www.megug.org/education-outreach
 - b. Two separate applications on website
 - i. Educators
 - ii. Scholarships
 - c. Editable pdf, submit button to email back: MEGUG has gone paperless
 - d. Deadline for application is March 31, 2011
 - e. Encouraged promoting application to Sophomore to non-graduating Seniors in College
 - f. Educator needs to be working with 6th thru 12th Grades
2. Membership database is now undergoing updating. Help us update our records. Moving towards self serve.
3. MEGUG is now using Social media; just putting it out there for options available for members
4. Treasures Report
 - Discussion on banking report, Conference expenditure
 - Pay Trace, system that allows us to take credit cards, has been very smooth transition.
 - John Root, City of Rockland/MEGUG member: *Suggested that with slashes in municipal budgets, finding smaller regional focus groups/round table educational meetings as a cost effective solution. Towns could easily hosts the round tables, discussions could stem from individual experiences and local restaurants could sponsor the event.*
 - Looking for local “champion” to pull together registration/caterer.
Need to further research the idea, gathering a couple of folks to step up and head regional meetings.
 - All in agreement Roundtables are a good solution and cost effective way to update municipalities.
 - Suggest putting out a blanket email to pull together Lewiston/Auburn, Mid-Coast, etc.
 - Simple needs for roundtable: host, topic, lead discussion/project ideas to share between towns, food
 - Brief discussion had on the membership fees: all in agreement that the MEGUG Membership Fee is reasonable: \$25/year is painless. Keep in mind that Conferences are costly and towns are not funding these ventures as easily.
 - John Root volunteered to host a Mid-coast roundtable. Reach out after March to see what can be coordinated.

5. Upcoming Conferences

- a. Annual Meeting at Sunday River
 - Program Committee looking for new members (see Angela).
 - Angela is setting up Survey Monkey for conference ideas.
 - Looking at a barbeque and perhaps a lobster feed once we get closer.
- b. Fall Meeting at UMFK on September 23rd
 - Not paying for using facilities (no hosting costs), just the coordination of events
 - Dave Hobbins suggested to the membership that a cost effective solution was to eat at the cafeteria line, making meal cost less than \$7.00/plate.
- c. Brief wrap up on 2011 Municipal Technology Conference:
 - Mixed reviews on venue
 - Most liked the location of Bangor, all in agreement that they liked moving around for different events.

6. At-Large Board Members

- Ken Murchison
- Steven Weed
- Michael Smith
- Bridget Kirouac

All four are willing to run for reelection, but seeking fresh ideas and new faces; any new candidates should email chair@megug.org and submit a brief statement on why you would like to be on the board.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm

Next business meeting scheduled for June 24th at Sunday River