

Meeting Minutes
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

July 24, 2013, 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Nash School, Augusta

Welcome and Introductions

Present: Eloise Vitelli, Karen Keim, Romy Spitz (told that meeting adjourned early as she was travelling to Augusta to attend)

Participating via conference call: Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Jennifer Burke, Marianne Moore

Absent: Fatuma Hussein, Donna Yellen, Julia Colpitts, Brenda Commandeer, Cheryl Timberlake, Ruth Summers, Melissa Simones, Sharon Campbell, Karen Stram

No quorum to approve minutes from 3/27/13 and 6/7/13.

Report from Strategic Planning/Action Steps

Bios/Directory of Commission members – Please submit your resume or a short bio to Nikki.

Committee Reports – Governance

Recommendations to fill vacancies

Committee met via email to decide how to proceed on filling in the two vacant positions.

Agreed on a strategy.

Position representing the elderly - Elizabeth reached out to Legal Services for the Elderly, Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), and the Office of Elder and Adult Services. Committee agreed that Jessica Mauer from AAA would be an appropriate candidate. This is a gubernatorial appointment.

Position representing youth – It would be great to have a younger representative. There is no age set for this position in statute. The concern is that it is difficult for them to participate. If you know of someone who could make that work, let Committee know.

Elizabeth reached out to Hardy Girls Healthy Women last week and the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center in Orono as they have a NEW Leadership Program made up of college aged women. She not heard from either of them.

Karen Keim recommended contacting Samantha Lott Hale, Dir. of Program for Girl Scouts of Maine and Bridget Mullen of Bowdoin's TRIO Program. Eloise suggested reaching out to Sarah Reuf-Lindquist at Maine Women's Fund/New Girls Network.

Recommendation for Officers

Eloise will be vacating her Chair position shortly. She suggested voting for Jen as Vice-Chair. Jen agrees to act in this capacity and manage the Commission until a Chair is elected. No quorum today, but a vote can be taken via an e-mail to all members per by-laws. Upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee by unanimous consent, the Chair will make a recommendation to the Commission that a vote be taken to elect Jennifer Burke as Vice-Chair, to be elected with a two-thirds vote.

Finance/Fund development/budget

Eloise drew up a rough budget for a planning grant of approximately \$20,000. It is a starting point. See attachment.

Old Business

Eloise – Committee assignments complete. Members asked to confirm their committee assignments.

Nikki – Reviewed progress on remote participation in meetings. Karen Keim will follow-up on the availability of a Remote CART grant and the ability to use GoToMeeting and Remote CART simultaneously.

New Business

Jen will send out an email regarding next meeting date in September. She will also try to set up a meeting of the Outreach Committee.