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Learning for Work and Life

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MAEA Members:

As I reflect on the last year, I have tremendous admiration for all the individuals in local adult education programs who have made a difference in the lives of our learners and the vibrancy of our Maine communities.

For me, it's been a year filled with learning about how to work together to have more of an impact. I've also learned about how as a field we have demonstrated the potential to be better AND stronger together. I've also learned that we need to take action as individuals, programs and as an organization to increase awareness of the services we offer and the outcomes we strive to make for individuals, families, communities and regions.

MAEA focused this year on reflection and action. We have been through strategic planning processes, reviewed our bylaws and reached out to local adult education programs through emails, and phone calls. This year, MAEA developed HUB liaisons who are members of the board, one from each hub, who provided support, and were able to seek input for initiatives. MAEA has also renegotiated the contract for the web portal which will move from a platform called Site Turbine to a new, improved platform on Word Press. MAEA has advocated for increased funding for adult education in Maine and initiated a marketing campaign. We have much more work to do and hope that folks will consider joining our efforts next year serving on the board, committees and assisting with MAEA activities.

My hope is the establishment of formal HUB liaisons will increase focus on MAEA's potential to represent the adult education practitioners and learners from across the state. The board is in good hands with Suzanne Nowinski and her Executive Committee. I encourage people to consider joining the board. MAEA is only as strong as the members sitting in the seats on the board. MAEA will only benefit from new perspectives and energy. The opportunity to meet regularly with colleagues in the field enhances work locally-practical ideas, support, and leadership development. We want to be sure all HUB's are well represented on the board as we shape priorities for the future.

I'll end with a heartfelt thank you to everyone who is working tirelessly to work with learners to impact their lives, families and communities in Maine.

Sincerely,
Ann Sargent, MAEA President
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May 2019

Dear MAEA Members:

The past school year was certainly a busy one in the MAEA Office. There are so many things that take place on any given day that it can be a whirlwind, much like most of you encounter in your local school districts on any given day.

We are thankful to Representative Rachel Talbot Ross who sponsored LD 718 trying to get more funding for Adult Education across the state. As I am writing this letter, we do not yet know the outcome of this work but I am grateful to Representative Ross for her diligent work in support of Adult Education.

What did we learn from the legislative process? It seems that we learned many things. The MAEA Board spent days going over the mission of MAEA, the needs of local programs and the largest gaps that are faced statewide in programs. Funding is always at the top of the list but some big ideas did start to form as this work progressed. Many areas of the state want fair wages for Adult Education teachers. Programs also want to add more full time positions. We learned that 89% of the teachers in Adult Education are part time in Maine. That statistic needs to change. We also learned that programs struggle to offer the intensity of services they feel is necessary to support those harder to serve adults as they move forward into meaningful lives and careers. An investment is needed to support greater intensity with full time, highly trained staff. Lastly, the other big need in Maine is an investment in computer hardware and software for learning labs and classrooms used by Adult Education programs. No matter what the outcome of this legislative session, MAEA will continue to march onward and gain support for these and other defined needs across Maine.

MAEA has also worked hard to define what is needed to better market Adult Education across Maine. Marketing is complex in that Adult Education has such a diverse set of stakeholders. Emphasis needs to be placed in multiple areas to effect change here. This work is ongoing but will be a theme at the conference in June. MAEA did contract with Broadreach to do some earned media marketing now. The board also hopes to continue with statewide marketing ideas. This will involve grant writing in the upcoming year.

The Portal is moving from Site Turbine to Word Press this summer. Programs shouldn't see huge change but it should be an easier system to navigate. Training for this new system will take place at the conference in June.

Web Ex licenses were deployed in April to all programs that expressed interest. These were offered as a perk of membership in MAEA. This is a wonderful way to host classes or meetings with just a laptop, phone or tablet. This system works on all media. Licenses can be used until March of 2020 and the board will re-evaluate the need and use over the upcoming year. Training will be offered at the conference for this as well.

MAEA is working with COABE to set up an advocacy site specific to Maine. Once this is set up, those interested in Maine Adult Education will be able to send correspondence to legislators with one click. This is exciting for Maine. Stay tuned for more information.

Thank you for all that you do for Maine Adult Education.

Shirley Wright, Executive Director

Action Team Chairs 2018-19:

Awards: Jenny Rose

Advocacy and Communication: Bill Grant and Thelma Regan

Conference 2019: Suzanne Nowinski

Corrections: Susan Knight

Elections: Suzanne Nowinski

Finance: Allen Lampert

Hall of Flags & Legislative: Robert Howe, Bill Grant and Shirley Wright

Professional Development: Suzanne Nowinski

Role of MAEA: Lorraine Robida and Nancy Allen

Scholarships: Nancy Allen

Portal: Jenny Rose and Dave Durkee

ACTION TEAM REPORTS

Awards: Jenny Rose, Chair

The selection of MAEA Award recipients is a competitive process that is based on nominations from the field in the following categories: LeVasseur, Teachers, Administrator, Support Staff and Special Recognition. Awards are presented annually at the MAEA Conference in June.

Advocacy and Communication: Bill Grant and Thelma Regan, Co-Chairs

This has been a very busy year for the Advocacy and Communications Committee. With the introduction of LD 718, An Act To Increase Funding for Adult Basic Literacy, Workplace Education and College Preparedness, the committee has worked tirelessly to move this request for a funding increase through the legislature. At the printing of this Annual Report, the outcome of this legislation is not yet known. The committee also held a Legislative Breakfast in lieu of the Hall of Flags this year. The breakfast, held at the Senator Inn in Augusta, was very well attended.

Conference 2019: Suzanne Nowinski, Chair

Conference planning was underway last fall, as Suzanne Nowinski took the lead role as president-elect of MAEA. Suzanne assembled a team to plan the conference and the venue of the University of Maine in Orono was chosen. This year's conference promises to be a wonderful opportunity for all involved.

Corrections: Susan Knight, Chair

Over the past year, the CE committee has met monthly via phone conference. Our membership has increased counting representatives from several county jails and DOC facilities. We have updated our website with current contact information for instructors ,
<https://mainecorrectionseducation.wordpress.com/>

Three workshops focused on programs, research and networking are planned for the June conference. We are exploring having a (shared) membership to the Corrections Education Association to support the work we do in Maine.

Elections: Suzanne Nowinski, Chair

A new slate of officers will be presented by June 1, 2019. Members of the nominating committee are Suzanne Nowinski, Nancy Allen, and Ann Sargent.

Finance: Allen Lampert, Treasurer

Allen Lampert (Director –Sanford community Adult Education) served as Treasurer for MAEA for the 2018-2019 year. There was continued movement to adjust MAEA finances to secure assets and cash flow.

MAEA assets (As of March 31, 2018) total \$185,270.15 and financial ratios continue to exceed industry standards. MAEA's portfolio was reorganized in March of 2018 to reduce market deviations and ensure regular (albeit lower) cash flow from investments. Towards that end, MAEA opened short-term CD's at Key Investments at 13 and 18 month intervals and reduced its checking account and equity account balances. MAEA's bond portfolio was also closed.

The outcome of this strategy is three-fold:

- Maintain liquidity for any financial emergencies.
- Provide stable rates of return.

- Remove riskier instruments from MAEA's portfolio

We are committed to maintaining MAEA's financial stability and long-term security to ensure that critical areas of funding can be met moving forward. The long term fiscal health is the primary concern of the committee.

Hall of Flags & Legislative: Robert Howe, Bill Grant and Shirley Wright

The work of this group was intertwined with the Advocacy and Communications Committee. Please see that report above.

Portal Committee: Jenny Rose & Dave Durkee, Co-Chairs

This year we signed a new contract with CourseStorm for Portal Hosting and Registration Services. This includes a 'rebuild' of our current site through a transition to Word Press with an anticipated site launch on August 5. Several training sessions will be provided at the MAEA Conference in June.

Professional Development : Suzanne Nowinski, Chair

Professional development this year focused on recruiting needed workshops for the MAEA Conference. Surveys were done and workshops were added according to those areas needed by programs.

Role of MAEA: Lorraine Robida and Nancy Allen, Co-Chairs

The Role of MAEA committee has been working to revise our by-laws to better reflect current practice. With this work, we have also been reflecting on where we want MAEA to go into the future and how we can continue to help the field of adult education.

Scholarship: Nancy Allen, Chair

Scholarships of \$500 each for two students will be awarded at the MAEA Conference on June 19 and 20 at the University of Maine, Orono. Scholarships of \$750 each for two teachers will also be awarded at the conference.

Maine Adult Educators Association (1965-1967) Maine Association for Public School Adult Education (1967-1990) Maine Adult Education Association (1990-present)

Years of Service	President	Location
1965-1967	Dick Mayo*	Bangor
1967-1969	Jim Flanagan*	Portland
1969-1970	Bob Curran	Camden
1970-1971	Gerry LeVasseur	Van Buren
1971-1972	Len McGinnis	Waterville
1972-1973	Duke Martin	Presque Isle
1973-1974	John Simpson	Biddeford
1974-1975	Clayton Blood	Searsport
1975-1976	Jack Webb	Sanford
1976-1979	Doug McGowan*	Presque Isle
1979-1981	Gaille Heseltine*	Portland
1981-1982	Ray Bussiere	Bangor
1982-1983	Ervin MacDonald	Houlton
	Loren Ritchie	Sherman Station
1983-1984	Paul Dulac(resigned)	Gardiner
	Patrick O'Reagan	Augusta
1984-1985	Dick Madore	Bangor

1985-1986	Sharon Martin	Westbrook
1986-1987	Dick Madore	Bangor
1987-1988	Don Berry	Belfast & DECS
1988-1989	Cathy Newell	Bethel
1989-1990	Anne Niemiec	Lewiston
1990-1991	Conrad Walton	Caribou
1991-1992	Andy McMahan	Fairfield
1992-1993	John Forester	Augusta
1993-1994	Larinda Meade	Portland
1994-1995	Janet Kalman	Sanford
1995-1996	Lin Hallowell	Waterville
1996-1997	Becky Dyer	Biddeford
1997-1998	Anne Kemper	Lewiston
1998-1999	Diann Bailey	Gardiner
1999-2000	Diana McCain	Bath
2000-2001	Tom Nash	Sanford
2001-2002	Judy Green	South Paris
2002-2003	Rob Wood	Portland
2003-2004	Barbara Goodwin	Waterboro
2004-2005	Gail Senese	Portland
2005-2006	Patte Bowman	Skowhegan
2006-2007	Otis Smith	Houlton
2007-2008	Kathi Medcalf	Sanford
2008-2009	Suzanne Rojas	Newport
2009-2010	Zane Clement	Bridgton
2010-2011	Rob Wood	Portland
2011-2012	Carrie Castonguay	Bridgton
2012-2013	Tim Dresser	Camden
2013-2014	Bill Grant	Auburn
2014-2015	Thelma Regan	PVAEC
2015-2016	Razell Ward	RSU 52
2016-2017	Nancy Allen	Region 9
2017-2018	Lorraine Robida	Kittery and Marshwood
2018-2019	Ann Sargent	Ellsworth

*served more than one year

MAEA Members 2017-2018

Institutional Program

Auburn
Augusta
Bangor
Bath
Biddeford
Bonny Eagle
Bucksport RSU 25
Caribou (Eastern Aroostook)
Readfield RSU 38
Camden(Five Towns) CSD 19
RSU 24 – Sullivan
Ellsworth
Mt. Desert CSD 7
Fort Fairfield
Freeport
Gorham
Kittery
Lewiston
Madawaska (Frenchville)
Presque Isle MSAD 1
Gardiner RSU 11
Gray MSAD 15
MSAD 17 & Buckfield
Van Buren MSAD 24
Stacyville RSU 50
Fort Kent MSAD 27
Houlton (Hodgdon) MSAD 29/70
Unity/Mt.View RSU 3
Belfast
Eliot MSAD 35
RSU 73 Jay/Livermore Falls
Waldoboro MSAD 40
Bethel MSAD 44
Newport RSU 19
Lawrence MSAD 49 Fairfield
Rockland RSU 13
Turner MSAD 52
Pittsfield MSAD 53
Skowhegan MSAD 54
Sacopee Valley MSAD 55
Waterboro MSAD 57
North Berwick MSAD 60
Bridgton MSAD 61/72
Lincoln MSAD 67
Piscataquis Valley Collaborative
Topsham(Brunswick) MSAD 75
Vinalhaven MSAD 8
Farmington Mt. Blue RSD
Old Orchard Beach/Saco

Portland
Sanford
Scarborough
South Portland
Machias Union 102
Mechanic Falls RSU16
Rangeley Union 37
Sabattus Union 44
Whitefield SVRSU 12
Greenville Union 60
Damariscotta Central Lincoln Co.
Hampden/Orono/Old Town
CTE Region 2 - Houlton
Midcoast School of Technology
United Technology Center
CTE Reg. 9(Rumford/Mexico)
Mid Maine – Waterville Area
Wells-Ogunquit
Westbrook
Windham
Winthrop(Monmouth)
York
Deer Isle Stonington

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DOE Adult Education Team
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FAME Maine

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