Maine Adult Education Association

ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021

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Dear MAEA Members:

It has been a pleasure to serve as President this past year. I would like to welcome Josh Farr as our incoming MAEA President for the 2021-22 year. I want to thank the all the adult education programs in Maine for their continued support of MAEA.

2020-21 was an unusual and challenging year, and MAEA had to respond to difficult challenges. One of our main adjustments was to provide a virtual conference in the fall under the leadership of Josh. I am pleased to report that MAEA’s finances are stable and secure. MAEA’s various working committees did outstanding work this past year.

The Advocacy Committee with Jeremy Lehan, Tom Nash, and Bill Grant created a Fact Sheet for programs, and represented MAEA in all state meetings involving Economic Recovery and other policy matters concerning adult education. The Director Support and Professional Development Committee with Nancy Allen, Josh Farr, Stacey Cyr and Kayla Sikora held regular new director meetings providing informative support to new directors. Corrections with Ander Thebaud and Nichole Ivey had an especially challenging year because most facilities operated under strict guidelines. The Marketing Committee with Shelli Pride, Razell Ward, Lisa Roberston, and Suzanne Nowinski met regularly over the year creating a monthly newsletter and developing a new logo. Finally, I want to thank the entire MAEA board for their help and support this year.

These are very challenging times for adult education. We are learning new approaches to programming and instruction. I have full confidence that MAEA will continue to thrive and provide on-going assistance to programs in Maine. Thank you all for your patience this past year.

See you all in the fall.

Allen Lampert
MAEA President
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May 2021

**Dear MAEA Members:**

The past year has been one of unforeseen circumstances where all programs have had to rise above the usual and create new and powerful adult learning programs. I have been in awe of all of you as you work to make sure that your learner needs are met. I am hopeful that the upcoming year will bring some return to “normal,” whatever that is.

Because of the pandemic, the traditional MAEA Conference has been put on hold. There is a subcommittee working on the conference and they are hopeful that an in-person conference can happen sometime in 2022. That said, the virtual conference held on December 4th was a wonderful learning event and turnout for this conference was higher than ever. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Please be sure to look at [https://maineadulted.org/](https://maineadulted.org/)

This page is loaded with information for anyone searching for adult education. Individual program web pages were also moved to Word Press sites. Please be sure to check out the help pages for Word Press / Elementor at [maineadulted.org/word-press-help](http://maineadulted.org/word-press-help)

And, for marketing purposes, MAEA is using [https://maineadulted.org/programs](https://maineadulted.org/programs) as the page to direct potential learners to a program. On this page, the user can search for any adult education program in the state and then navigate to your program’s webpage.

The new logo is here! This has been a work in progress for years at the board level. There are many factors that go into choosing a new logo and the Marketing Committee laboriously worked through all of those levels and layers of ideas. There will be a new toolkit announced soon.

Web Ex licenses are still available through a bulk purchase by MAEA. Many programs are using Web Ex to hold distance learning classes. Help using Web Ex is located online at [maineadulted.org/web-ex-help](http://maineadulted.org/web-ex-help)

MAEA will continue to be the advocate for adult education in Maine. Take care and be well.

Shirley Wright, Executive Director
**Action Team Chairs 2019-20:**

Awards: No Awards

Advocacy, Communication, and Legislative: Bill Grant, Tom Nash, Jeremy Lehan

Conference 2021: Josh Farr

Corrections: Ander Thebaud, Nichole Ivey

Director Support and Professional Development: Nancy Allen, Josh Farr

Elections: Josh Farr

Finance: Nancy Allen

Marketing – Shelli Pride, Suzanne Nowinski, Razell Ward, Lisa Robertson

Scholarships: Nancy Allen
ACTIONS TEAM REPORTS

Awards

Due to the fact that there was no in-person MAEA Conference this year, the team decided to hold off on awards until the next full in-person conference.

Advocacy, Communication, and Legislative: Bill Grant, Tom Nash, Jeremy Lehan

The Advocacy Committee worked this year to develop Fact Sheets for Maine. COABE develops fact sheets at the national level and these were very useful as well. The committee also sent correspondence to the Governor’s office regarding Economic Recovery in Maine and the role that Adult Education needs to play in that effort. They also met twice with a representative from the Governor’s Office, Joseph Marro. Legislation seems to be focused around CTE and Community Colleges. MAEA will work to be sure that Adult Education is also represented.

For more information and to view legislative documents, visit https://maineadulted.org/legislative-2/

Conference 2021: Josh Farr

Because of the pandemic, and in-person conference could not be held this year. However, MAEA did hold a very successful virtual conference on December 4, 2020. Registration for this conference was high and the workshops were outstanding. MAEA worked with COABE to offer the day-long training event. The log in for the conference is available at maineadulted.org under the Conference tab. Thank you to all who worked hard to make this virtual conference a reality.

Corrections: Ander Thebaud, Nichole Ivey

This has been a building year for the Corrections Committee. Correctional facilities have had strict restrictions on letting outside personnel in so the year has been a tough one to provide services. The committee will continue to survey the field and share best practice.

Director Support and Professional Development - Nancy Allen and Josh Farr

The PD Committee has worked to hold quarterly check in meetings with new directors. Topics have included ideas for state reports, budgeting ideas, costing workforce programs and enrichment and more. The group meets when possible and meeting are fairly informal with all attending asked to share ideas. The feedback has been very positive regarding this effort.

The PD Committee also worked to plan the virtual conference on December 4, 2020. Please see the report above.

Elections: Josh Farr

A new slate of officers will be presented by May 15, 2021. Voting on new board seats and officers for MAEA will be held virtually this year. Ballots will be sent out in May and voting will take place until June 15, 2020 at Noon.

Finance: Nancy Allen
MAEA’s finances have been impacted this year by COVID-19. The conference is one of the group’s major fundraisers and it has been postponed until fall, which will cause disruption in the association’s current fiscal year budget which is completed on June 30, 2021. MAEA did receive some CARES Act and Economic Recovery funding which was very helpful. The conference on December 4th also helped to keep MAEA’s finances in the black. MAEA is hopeful that there will be an in-person conference during the 2021-2022 school year.

Marketing – Shelli Pride, Suzanne Nowinski, Razell Ward, Lisa Robertson

The Marketing Committee has met regularly over the past year and they have worked very hard to send out a monthly newsletter to the field. The committee will also be unveiling a new logo for Adult Education by May 1, 2021. A new logo will give the field a chance to increase visibility. A new toolkit will be issued in May of 2021.

Scholarship: Nancy Allen

As we became more aware of student needs and changing career options, the board decided to take time and evaluate our scholarship program. The scholarship committee will take the next year and review potential options for broadening the scope of the awards. In doing this, we have decided to take a year off from awarding scholarships. A new scholarship, in memory of Patricia Hughes, will be added to those scholarships awarded at the next in-person MAEA Conference.

Maine Adult Educators Association (1965-1967)

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

Maine Adult Education Association (1990-present)

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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
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<td>Suzanne Nowinski*</td>
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*served more than one year

**MAEA Members**

Auburn
Augusta
Bangor Adult Education
Belfast Adult Education
Biddeford Adult Education
Bonny Eagle Adult Education
Boothbay Harbor Adult Education
Central Lincoln County Adult Education- Damariscotta
Deer Isle/Stonington Adult Education
Eastern Aroostook Adult Education - Caribou Area
Ellsworth Adult Education
Five Towns Adult Education - Camden Area
Franklin County Adult Education- Farmington Area
Freeport Adult Education
Gorham Adult Education
Gray / New Gloucester Adult Education
Greenville Adult Education
Houlton/Hodgdon Adult Education
Kittery Adult Education
Lake Region Adult Education
Lawrence Adult Education - Fairfield
Lewiston Adult Education
Lisbon Adult Education
Maine Department of Corrections
Maine Department of Education, Adult Education
Maranacook Adult Education - Readfield Area
Marshwood Adult Education - South Berwick
Masabesic Adult Education - Waterboro Area
Merrymeeting Adult Education - Topsham Area
Mid Maine Adult Education - Waterville Area
Midcoast School of Applied Technology - Rockland, Region 8
MSAD 1 Adult Education - Presque Isle Area
MSAD 11 Adult Education - Gardiner Area
MSAD 37 Adult Education - Harrington Area
MSAD 53 Adult Education - Pittsfield Area
Mt. Desert Adult Education
Noble Adult Education - North Berwick
Oak Hill Adult Education - Sabattus Area
Old Orchard Beach/Saco Adult Education
Oxford Hills/Nezinscot Adult Education
Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative
Portland Adult Education
Region 4 Adult Education - United Technology Center, Bangor
Region 9 Adult Education - Mexico Area
Region Two School of Applied Technology - Houlton Area
Riverside Adult Education - Hampden, Old Town, Orono
Rockland Adult Education
RSU 12 Adult Education - Whitefield
RSU 16 Adult Education - Mechanic Falls Area
RSU 19 Adult Education - Newport Area
RSU 24 Adult Education - Sullivan Area
RSU 25 - Bucksport Area Adult Education
RSU 3 Adult Education - Thorndike Area
RSU 40 Adult Education - Waldoboro Area
RSU 50 and 89 Adult Education - Stacyville Area
RSU 52 Adult Education - Turner Area
RSU 54 Adult Education - Skowhegan Area
RSU 67 Adult Education - Lincoln Area
Sacopee Valley Adult Education - Porter Area
Sanford Community Adult Education
Scarborough Adult Education
South Portland Adult Education
Spruce Mountain Adult Education - Livermore Falls Area
Telstar Adult Education
Valley Unified Adult Education - Madawaska and Fort Kent
Van Buren Adult Education
Washington County Adult Education
Wells/Ogunquit Adult Education
Westbrook Adult Education
Windham/Raymond Adult Education
Winthrop/Monmouth Adult Education
York Adult Education
**Individual Members**

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Judy Green
Becky Dyer
Ingrid Baily
Cathy Newell
Rob Wood