

Meeting Minutes
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women
February 10, 2016, 11:30a – 1:00p
Office of the Secretary of State, Nash School, Augusta

I. Welcome and Introductions

In person: Sarah Ruef-Lindquist, Amy Gallant, Marjorie Crowley, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Regina Rooney

Attending Remotely: Vera Roberts, Marianne Moore, Samantha Lott Hale, Andrea Irwin, Jane Haskell, Fatuma Hussein, Rebekah Smith

Guests: Kelly Bentley, Holly Stover

II. Review and Approve Minutes from December 9, 2015 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from December 9, 2015 – Marrienne, second – Andrea, opposed – none, abstentions - Marjorie and Amy

III. Governance: Membership Update – Elizabeth

Hold up with reappointments through Governor’s Office. Working with them. Received an official resignation from Gary Walcott. Sarah reached out to Meryl Troop for ideas for someone representing women with disabilities. Continue to wait on the tribal seat.

IV. NEWPI Conference Planning: Update – Holly

Fatuma invited to participate in next planning meeting call in March. Still tossing around theme and keynote ideas. Holly will share the planning meeting dates. Conference on November 18 in Boston. Location not confirmed.

V. Communications Committee: Update – Regina

Sarah, Sam, Regina, and Amy met via phone on 2/2/16 to develop a draft social media policy to bring to the Commission.

- a. **Facebook page-** Encourage dialogue and have a plan to respond. Agree to add a policy outlining the rules for Facebook comments. Change “bipartisan” to “nonpartisan”. Remove “automatically” in last paragraph and add, “unless at the discretion of the page administrator” at the end of the sentence.

Motion to accept the Social Media Policy – Elizabeth, second – Regina, Opposed - none, abstentions – none.

The Communications Committee will reconvene with this charge. Open to anyone who would like to join us.

- b. **Legislative delegation meetings** –Amy
Group recommends this be an agenda item for a future meeting. What are barriers to these meetings happening?
 - c. **Maine Calling** – Producer asking, “What is the relevance?” March 8 is International Women’s Day. Possible guests: Catherine Lee from the Justice for Women Lecture Series and someone from hunger community/specific to hunger in the report. To learn more, see report. Jane and Sarah will work on this. Amy will serve as back-up.
- VI. Policy Priorities** – Everyone
Commission’s niche is getting broad data. Distribute survey in December. Survey could point back to 2015 report. New report based on the survey. If interested in working on the report, email Regina. She will work on convening the report group.
- VII. Other business**
Possibility of another retreat? Next agenda.
- VIII. Next meeting:** April 13, 2016, 12:00p – 2:00p