

Meeting Minutes
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women
April 8, 2015, 12:00-1:00pm
Nash School, Augusta

I. Welcome and Introductions

Attending in person: Andrea Irwin, Regina Rooney, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Sarah Ruef-Lindquist, Amy Gallant

Attending remotely: Samantha Lott Hale, Jennifer Burke, Marianne Moore, Rebekah Smith, Fatuma Hussein, Holly Stover

Absent: Jessica Maurer, Gary Wolcott

II. Review and Approve Minutes from February and March Meetings

Motion to approve minutes from 2/11/15 meeting - Marianne, second – Regina, all in favor.

Motion to approve minutes from 3/11/15 meeting with amended date – Elizabeth, second – Sarah, all in favor.

III. Committee Updates

a. Governance - Elizabeth

Hope to have updates next week.

Rebekah will reach out to Danielle Conway, new dean at University of Maine School of Law.

b. Report/Outreach - Regina

Notes from the last Outreach/Report meeting were sent to everyone. We are still in the process of scheduling leadership meetings. There are talking points to help in discussions.

Media:

Regina sent out the press release. Marianne sent to the Calais Advertiser, Machias Observer and the Quoddy Tides.

BDN posted on their blog.

Andrea has not heard back from Steve Mistler. She will reach out to other PPH reporters on the list.

Lori Parham contacted Maine Calling. They are interested in doing a show. No date set yet. Andrea will follow-up.

Outreach:

Amy has requested meetings. Kim Lane will contact Rep. Fredette. Sarah has reached out to her local delegation.

Sarah attended a press conference two weeks ago in Freeport where Reps Sara Gideon, Denise Tepler, and Joan Welsh spoke about women's economic security issues. These reps will likely be receptive to the report.

Regina shared the report with the Coalition of Maine Women google group in advance of their upcoming meeting. Gilda Nardone of Women, Work and Community expressed interest in sharing with the DOL Women's Employment Issues Committee of the State Workforce Investment Board. Is anyone interested in attending a meeting with that group on April 30 from 9:30 am – 12:00pm?

Jen – suggested Jobs for Maine Graduates program has a central office in Augusta.

Holly – suggested sending to the commissioner of each department with a cover letter. Holly will put a list together.

Sarah shared the report with the Maine Women's Fund; Amy with AARP.

Sarah was asked to speak on the status of women and girls at the Maine Women's Network Midcoast Chapter meeting and spoke to the data points in each of the areas of the report. Well received. MWM has Midcoast, Portland, and Androscoggin county chapters that meet monthly. The Mighty Women of

Washington County are related (Marianne is connected). Sarah was invited to provide a presentation at their annual statewide meeting.

Jen will check with Bre to see if she kept an updated list of groups contacted on the original outreach list. Fatuma will reach out to McAuley, and The New Mainers-Refugee Workforce Development Project.

IV. Other Business

Future meeting schedule and possible date for longer strategic planning session? What's our participation in the New England Conference? Do we meet in the off years? Clarify our goals under our charge. Develop a 2-year work plan. Involve new members. Pre-plan. Members would appreciate the opportunity to meet in person and have more time to network and connect.

Regina will send out a meeting wizard to choose date in June for 3-4 hours (most likely on a Friday morning but will include other days, too). Location can be between Augusta and Bangor. An Augusta location will help with end-of-session schedules.

New England Women's Commission has a call scheduled this week. Holly and Amy will participate.

Regina - Report committee no longer needs to continue with monthly meeting.

V. Adjourn

a. Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 12-1pm