

Maine APSE Board Meeting
Via teleconference
January 12, 2012
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Board Members present: Gail Fanjoy, Chris Flynn, Debbie Gilmer, Betsy Hopkins, Janet May, Avery Olmstead (avery.olmstead@yahoo.com), Deb Rousseau and Sally Sweeney.

Update on Jan. 18th APSE membership meeting in Augusta: Currently the registration list is at nineteen (19). Betsy will send a reminder to the seven (7) VR employees (not included in the 19). Deb R. enlisted seven (7) Employment Specialists from Maine Med/Voc Service, who are all APSE members. The seven VR staff are: Steve Conroy, Forrie Cotten, Karen Fraser, Betsy Hopkins, Rachel M., Kevin Owen, Suzanne and Kathy P.

Debbie reports we have food coming for twenty-five (25) people, and the group agreed that should be adequate. Chris will bring the tri-fold, to display APSE information.

As to the program, Betsy will be on a panel with Avery and Chris, to talk about the Alliance for Full Participation. Debbie will do opening remarks, and discuss the benefits of being a Maine APSE member. The facilitated discussion will involve: what's going well in Maine and the development of a plan or commitment to "Employment First" (including what can those present do to help with implementation and what do people identify as the challenges).

Gail brought up the AFP scorecard, and is sending everyone the link.

Debbie reported that we will be doing board elections during this forum and she will put together a ballot with current board members listed as well as four blank slots, for nominations from the floor. Only members will be able to vote during the election.

Location reminder: Francis Perkins room at Central Maine Commerce Center/USDOL in Augusta, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Next teleconference meeting: (tentative) Thursday, **February 23, 2012** at 3:00 p.m. As always, the number to call is: **1-213-416-6650**, passcode **736423**.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Sweeney
Secretary-Treasurer