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Collaboratively Speaking

The Shoulders of Giants

Sir Isaac Newton stated, “If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.” As I reflect on MOEC -- its vision, its possibility, and its stature in the educational community -- I am reminded of the profundity of Newton’s words. We have been fortunate to have several giants among us. Their wisdom, keen intelligence, and foresight have enabled us as an organization to see further and more clearly than we otherwise might have been able. Anne Booth, Mike Savage and Walter Healey have been those giants. For the past many years, they gave of themselves not only to build and nurture their own individual collaboratives but also to make the voices of collaboratives heard by elected officials and policy makers alike. Whatever progress we have made is due in large part to their tireless energy and commitment. They have provided us with an articulate description of the value, efficiency, and quality that our programs and services provide to our member districts across the Commonwealth. Their voice will be missed but we will continue to stand on their shoulders. Thank you Anne, Mike, and Walter from all of us; we are deeply indebted to you for your leadership and wisdom.

Also, we wish John Connolly, Judy Riggs, and Mike Palladino well in their retirements. They too have been tireless and constructive not only as collaborative leaders but also in maintaining our momentum on the statewide level.

Future Meeting Dates

MASS Summer Executive Institute: July 14-17 at Mashpee High School