

MPAEA WINTER BOARD MEETING

January 22-24, 2009

Scottsdale, AZ

At 9:00am a complimentary Talking Stick Resort limo picked us up at the Ramada Ltd. Hotel for a tour of the conference site for 2010. Present were: Detlef Johl, Kelsee Miller, Lou Workman, Myna Frestedt, and Nancy Lambott and Lily Beth Brazones representing the Arizona Planning Committee.

At 11:30 we met back at the Ramada for a review of our agenda and the minutes from the Summer Board Meeting. Myna reviewed the MOU which will be forthcoming. Detlef suggested that the Arizona conference committee ask the Talking Stick Resort to sponsor a vendor table in Las Vegas promoting their destination.

For an orientation of new members, Kelsee will be sending a notice to attend the reception and will invite them to the Presidential suite for orientation. The executive board should be present.

Nate will be requested to go over the status of the listserv for the membership with Kelsee. Kelsee is excluded from communications about scholarships, but the other executive board members will be included. Nancy will contact the scholarship committee to change the wording on the Memorial Scholarship to the Larry B. Wickham Scholarship. Change the graduate scholarship application to not have the Dean of the Graduate School sign, but instead the applicant will submit their letter of acceptance into the graduate school.

Discussion followed on membership cards for MPAEA and what benefits could be associated with making cards available. Discounts such as Borders, Starbucks, etc., might be possible.

Lou will send a list of emeritus members to the Las Vegas planning committee. We need to work with each state to establish an emeritus member fee for the conference. Further discussion followed that we may not charge a fee to emeritus members and invite them to attend a discussion at the conference on future directions of MPAEA.

Summer Board will meet July 15-17, meeting all day Thursday and Friday in Albuquerque, NM. We could meet with New Mexico Association staff. Nancy will talk to Shari Jobe about lodging possibilities.

Treasurer's update: Income was short this year, but expenses were also lower. Web posting was lower as were scholarship requests and others. \$30,458.93 is what we have in cash, plus T. Rowe Price at \$16,961.60 as of December 31, 2008. The actual amount for T. Rowe Price is \$14,766.92 as of January 20, 2009. Today it's over \$15,000. It was suggested that if the price drops below \$14,000 that we decide whether to pull the funds out.

Total spent for this year so far is \$16,038.99.

The question was asked if we should raise institutional, affiliate and library dues. This will be discussed at the Summer Board meeting. We need to be thinking about how to raise more money in coming years and expanding our membership. For example, cut back on printing costs and elsewhere so we can add more member benefits. It was suggested we discuss at the Summer Board meeting putting advertising and/or

adding a page with our membership application. Gary Conti will be invited to come to the pre and post conference board meetings. The newsletter editor, Peggy Nelson, will be unable to attend.

Standing Rules need to be updated regarding membership dues. This decision will be decided by the Board of Directors.

Detlef was directed to pay affiliate dues to COLLO. Kelsee will send the needed information. Kelsee will also follow up on paying for www.mpaea2010.org

It is suggested we cross check for those members who attended the conference and those who did not. Those who did not will be sent a one sheet newsletter by mail. This will help with postage for the next newsletter.

At the post conference, Detlef suggests the finance committee develop a multi year plan to increase our revenue.

Myna reviewed her material for a poster session at the conference that concerns the Strategic Plan Update. She will review and gather information from conference attendees. The Executive Board further discussed how to reflect what we do as a Board. One crucial point was made that the President of MPAEA must be directly involved with the host state in planning and organizing the conference. In order to help with the next year, it was agreed to meet in Phoenix next winter for the Executive Board meeting in order to work out details for the conference in 2010 in Scottsdale.

Summer Board 2009 will be in Albuquerque, Winter Executive Board 2010 in Phoenix, Summer Board 2010 possibly Montana.

Myna will reword her copy of the Strategic Plan and it will be further discussed in the morning.

Adjourned at 6:30pm

Began at 9:30am to continue discussion on the Strategic Plan. Myna brought an addendum and a reorganization of the Plan to be addressed by the entire board. Detlef suggested that Nancy, as incoming President, use the document to set a vision for 3 items that should be addressed for the following year. The new board members have been invited to the Pre-conference Board meeting for better continuity.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Workman
MPAEA Secretary