

**MINUTES OF THE MCRA SUMMER BOARD MEETING
AT THE LODGE OF THE FOUR SEASONS
LAKE OF THE OZARKS, MISSOURI
JUNE 7, 2008**

The Summer Board Meeting of the MCRA Board of Directors was called to order at 10:35 a.m. on June 7, 2008. The Board members in attendance were:

Angie Culler, President;
Tiffany (Hughes) Thompson, President Elect;
Faith Olliges, Vice President;
Sandy Stewart, Immediate Past President;
Brett Harrison, Treasurer;
Dawn McTeer, Secretary;
Gail Conaway, Region II Vice President;
Stephanie Prewitt; Region III Vice President;
Tracie Brumley, Region IV Vice President;
Stephanie Horrell, Region V Vice President;

Members not present were:

Barbara Burke, Region I Vice President.

RATIFICATION OF E-MAIL VOTES

President Angie Culler called for a motion to ratify the E-mail votes. The first motion, March 1, 2008, was to pay the first deposit of \$772.65 to the St. Charles Convention Center for the All-Star Training. The second motion, March 18, 2008, was to pay the three All-Star trainers for the June 14, 2008, All-Star Training.

MOTION/OLLIGES: I move to ratify the E-mail votes.

MOTION SECONDED: There being no further discussion, President Angie Culler called for a vote on the motion. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Angie Culler called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting.

MOTION/THOMPSON: Move that the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting as printed in Progress be approved.

MOTION SECONDED: There being no further discussion, President Angie Culler called for a vote on the motion. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Treasurer Brett Harrison reported that 43 registrants had enrolled for the All-Star Training to be held on June 14, 2008.

John Gore will provide the audio/visual equipment for the All-Star Training. President Angie Culler will send Mr. Gore a card from the Board expressing their Big Thank You, Mr. Gore!

There was discussion regarding prizes, snacks, and notebooks for the All-Star Training event.

President Angie Culler called for a motion to approve the second payment to the St. Charles Convention Center for the June 14, 2008, All-Star Training.

MOTION/PREWITT: I make a motion that the Board authorizes the payment of \$772.65 for the second deposit to the St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, Missouri, for the MCRA All-Star Training, which is our hands-on computer software training, set for June 14, 2008.

MOTION SECONDED: There being no further discussion, President Angie Culler called for a vote on the motion. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

There was thorough discussion on proposed changes to the format of the 2008 Membership Directory. It was decided to go with a spiral binding. Vice President Olliges proposes that MCRA buy a binder, and MCRA Board members would bind the directories themselves. Suggestions were made for proposed categories of information contained in the Membership Directory.

President Angie Culler called for input from the Board regarding fees to be charged for the mailing of the MCRA Directory and/or Progress to retired membership. President Angie Culler has also referred to the By-Laws Committee and Pat Manners for their guidance in this.

President Angie Culler nominated a well-deserving recipient to receive the Star Award. There was consensus among the Board that the proposed recipient is most admirable for his dedication to the court reporting profession and a splendid person to receive the Award.

President Angie Culler called for a motion to approve the amount of \$1,000 to be paid to the MCRA PAC Fund, as per the 2007-2008 approved Budget.

MOTION/STEWART: I make a motion that we transfer a thousand dollars from the general fund to the PAC Fund.

MOTION SECONDED: There being no further discussion, President Angie Culler called for a vote on the motion. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

The Board had thorough discussions regarding the tentative rates for the interactive web site for members only advertising.

The Board received a nice thank you card from Tammie and Brian Heet for the flowers sent to them after the loss of their daughter, Erika.

The Honorable Jimmie Edwards, Chair of the State Judicial Records Committee, has asked the Board for suggestions regarding the retention of electronic court reporting notes. President Angie Culler will inform Judge Edwards regarding the suggestions made by the Board.

President Angie Culler updated the Board about exhibitor opportunities from MATA and BAMSL Metropolitan St. Louis. It was decided not to pursue those opportunities.

The Board adjourned to partake of a working luncheon in the Lodge Restaurant, and afterwards gathered for a Board picture to be printed on the Convention invitation.

Ms. Emily Messerli, Convention Services Manager for the Lodge of the Four Seasons, escorted the Board on a tour of the facilities of the Lodge, which will be utilized during the 2008 Convention. She also answered any convention questions that the Board had.

President Angie Culler provided an updated Presidential calendar to the Board.

Ms. Tammy Bagley and Ms. Jamie Schieber of Custom Meeting Planners met with the Board to discuss their bids for the 2009 convention planning.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

President Elect Tiffany Thompson reported that she is doing student mentoring. There will be information regarding that in Progress.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Faith Olliges updated the Board on the diligent search she has made regarding fund-raising items for the Convention. She has obtained advertisers for the directory. She has sent out approximately 20 letters to generate interest in advertising.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Dawn McTeer called for a motion to approve six new member applications and two retired status requests.

MOTION/THOMPSON: I'll make a motion to approve the membership applications of Patricia Davis, Chelsey Harding, John Gore, Mary Gaal, Camie Coffey, Tiffany Bowers, and to also approve the retirement status of Carol and Richard Hoppe.

MOTION SECONDED: There being no further discussion, President Angie Culler called for a vote on the motion. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Brett Harrison presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board. He reported there were balances of:

Checking Account	\$64,712.94

Membership Revenue in 2008	\$33,155.00
Unpaid Dues in 2008	\$ 3,045.00

War Chest – Cert. of Deposit	\$63,252.06
2008 Deposit due in September	\$ 3,389.00

Pink expense vouchers and tax exempt letters were provided to the Board. The MCRA Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 was also provided to the Board.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Immediate Past President Sandy Stewart reported that she was in attendance at the memorial service for Russ Welder. It was a two-hour celebration of Russ' past life and career. There were between 70 and 80 people in attendance. It was a very touching and emotional day for all.

Immediate Past President Sandy Stewart provided to the Board the nominating list of new officers. It has been printed in Progress.

REGION I VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Faith Olliges reported on behalf of Region I VP Barbara Burke that the Region I meeting will be held on June 26, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at Growler's Pub in St. Louis, Missouri. There will be a trivia night held on November 15, 2008.

REGION II VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region II Vice President Gail Conaway reported that the Region II meeting will be held on June 19, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at Kelso's in North Kansas City, Missouri.

REGION III VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region III Vice President Stephanie Prewitt reported that the Region III meeting will be held on June 12, 2008, at a restaurant to be determined in Columbia, Missouri. She hopes to follow the meeting up with a comedy show at the Déjà Vu Comedy Club.

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region IV Vice President Tracie Brumley reported that the Region IV meeting will be held on July 10, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Springfield Brewing Company in Springfield, Missouri.

REGION V VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Region V Vice President Stephanie Horrell reported that the Region V meeting will be held on July 12, 2008, at the Commerce Winery. A time for the meeting will be announced later.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

There was detailed discussion regarding planning for the 2008 MCRA Convention, Cruisin' to Success. Meeting and convention timeline, budget, meals, social events, fund raising, region assessments were among the topics.

The deadline for the next Progress is July 1, 2008. President Angie Culler called for more articles and photos.

President Angie Culler delivered the Legislative Committee report by Randy Dunn and the Student Affairs East report by Deb McLaughlin to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

The membership directory will be in spiral format.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board has reviewed the By-Laws Committee's amendments to the Policy & Procedure Manual as follows:

President Elect: Paragraph 14

Secretary: Paragraphs 19 and 20

Convention Committee: Paragraphs 6 and 10

Fund-Raising Committee: Paragraph 6

The Board approves of these proposed amendments. The amendments will be presented to the membership for final approval of the proposed language.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the Secretary should assume the role of Membership Director. The Membership Director would be responsible for creating and maintaining a data base with current membership information. This data base will be used to furnish labels for membership mailings, to provide current membership information for Board members, and for convenience in printing the Membership Directory.

The Pre-Convention Board Meeting will be held on September 19, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.

The CCR test will be held on October 17, 18, 2008, at the Double Tree Conference Center, 16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, Missouri.

The OSCA, Court Reporter Education Committee Seminars, will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 12, 13, 2008, and in Blue Springs, Missouri, on October 21, 22, 2008.

There was discussion regarding the retention of Custom Meeting Planners.

MOTION/HARRISON: I'll make a motion that we acquire the services of Custom Meeting Planners for the limited purpose of requests for a proposal on the upcoming 2009 MCRA Convention, to be held in Kansas City.

MOTION SECONDED: There being further discussion, it was decided to table the motion to undertake further investigation into the matter.

President Angie Culler called for a motion authorizing the President to pay the day-to-day expenses.

MOTION/STEWART: Make a motion that we authorize the President to pay the daily bills of the Association until our next Board meeting on September 19 at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION SECONDED: There being no further discussion, President Angie Culler called for a vote on the motion. Unanimous aye. Motion carried.

The June 7, 2008 Summer Board meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn McTeer
MCRA Secretary