

MHOAA Conference Call Minutes

April 13, 2009

Those who took part in the conference call were as follows:

Lois Parris, President	Tim Sheahan, Vice-President
Russ McPherson, Secretary	Sandy Boone, Treasurer
Linda Hanson, Area Vice-President	Terry Nelson, Area Vice-President
Kylin Parks, Area Vice-President	Dot Sliney, Area Vice-President
Steve Anderson, At-Large-Member	Peter Ferris, At-Large Member
Dave Anderson, Advisor	Kelly Diouf, Guest

Those absent from the call were as follows:

Charles Gallagher, Immediate Past President	Paul Bradley, Honorary Director
Ed Speraw, Honorary Director	

Steve made the motion to accept the Minutes of March 9, 2009. Dot seconded and all agreed.

Sandy gave the Treasurer's Report for the checking account and the savings account, which is for the grant monies from CFED. Dot motioned to accept it and Kylin seconded with all agreeing.

Steve recommended that Sandy prepare a monthly summary report of general activities (invoices paid) of all accounts. This report would be sent to the Finance Committee to review before forwarding it on to the board members.

Kelly reported that she has secured the Crown Plaza Hotel located in Arlington, VA for our stay while in Washington, D.C.

The following meetings are planned:: Ed with Laura Arce of CFED, Dot with RI (D) Sen. Whitehouse, Steve with UT (Rep.) Sen. Bennett, Peter with OR (D) Sen. Merkley and with Rep. Schroder, Tim with AARP and possibly the Housing Caucuses. They will also try to meet with IVT Sen. Sanders (I) or appropriate staff persons. It was stressed that a relationship with staff is the conduit to the legislator. It was also noted that MHOAA articles and position papers would be helpful to have while visiting legislators.

By-laws Committee: Kylin shared that she will have a draft with proposed changes for the By-laws for the April Meeting.

Convention Committee: Kelly shared that the contract with CFED and the hotel was near completion.

Newsletter Committee: Terry requested that she needs information regarding legislation that any state is working on for the newsletter.

Strategic Planning Committee: Dave reported that the information from the online and phone surveys is still being recorded. Kelly will be distributing a summary soon to the board.

Website Committee: Russ urged each one to revisit the website often for updates. Peter will evaluate using a 5-year rent history of communities in Oregon for the website.

Lois requested that reports from the 3 regional meetings be tabled until the next meeting. It was announced that the western regional meeting would be in Denver, CO May 28-29 and the eastern regional meeting will be held in NH. Other details will be available soon.

New Business: Lois suggested that each one try to sign on with Skype. By using Skype we could reduce the cost of the conference calls. Tim recommended headphones for Skype use that Radio Shack stocks.

Steve motioned to close the meeting and Dot seconded. All agreed. The time was 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ McPherson
Secretary