

MHOAA Conference Call Minutes

December 14, 2009

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

Lois Parris, President	Tim Sheahan, Vice President
Russ McPherson, Secretary	Sandy Boone, Treasurer
Terry Nelson, Area Vice President	Steve Anderson, Area Vice President
Dave Anderson, Honorary Director	

Those absent from the call were as follows:

Dot Sliney, Area Vice President	Kylin Parks, At-Large Member
Ed Speraw, At-Large Member	Linda Hanson, Area Vice President
Paul Bradley, Honorary Director	

Lois called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made that the minutes of December 9th which were e-mailed earlier, be accepted. The motion was seconded. All agreed.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted. The vote was unanimous.

In order to be more efficient, it was requested that all reimbursement requests for MHOAA expenses be directed to the Treasurer for payment. This eliminates additional paperwork when they were paid through APAC previously.

There was a discussion on the telephone use of Accessline which could be used for all MHOAA business calls. Russ requested a review of past invoices to verify the recent invoice Ready Talk costs. It was acknowledged that all 3 Regional Alliances have conference calls (some more often than others) and that they are valuable. A motion was made that review be made and reported back at our next meeting (January 11, 2010) with an appropriate and cost effective service program to handle MHOAA business. The motion was seconded. All agreed.

Regarding the application for a grant submitted to CFED, we will not receive one this year. However, CFED would like to "piggy-back" their convention with the MHOAA Convention again this year. More proposals for other grants will be submitted even though this may stretch into January or February. In this economy this is a difficult time for all grantors.

The benefit of having a blog on the MHOAA web site was discussed. A motion was made that this item be tabled at this time, due to having to determine the possible benefit vs. the cost to MHOAA. The motion was seconded. There were 6 "yes" votes and 1 "no."

A newsletter will soon be printed and mailed as soon as possible. Many felt the newsletter is very important to keeping and encouraging membership as well as educating them.

A request was made that a list of e-mail addresses be made to inform members of “news snip-its” to keep members updated on issues.

Because MHOAA activities are national, when a RFP is submitted there is usually a longer processing timeline. MHOAA’s broad scope for grants is as follows:

1. Education
2. Programs (state and national issues)
3. Services (regional conversations, national convention, etc.)
4. Public policy
5. Communication with those in the MHOAA network, etc.

The following is yet to be completed to receive the remainder of the CFED grant for last year: Fundraising, Surveying Membership, Strategic Planning, Tools (HOA Startup Guide, How to Effectively Lobby, Legislative Guide) and How to Involve State HOA’s with MHOAA. This could be handled in a group meeting or meeting with a smaller group pertaining to a specific topic. We have beyond January 1, 2010 to complete this for CFED.

The Finance Committee agreed to meet December 30 at 7:00 p.m. EST.

The next scheduled board meeting is January 11, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ McPherson, Secretary