

MINUTES OF THE POST-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING OF THE
MISSOURI COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RADISSON HOTEL IN BRANSON, MISSOURI

SEPTEMBER 24, 2005

The post-convention board meeting of the MCRA Board of Directors was called to order at 6:22 p.m. on September 24, 2005. The Board members in attendance were Patricia Manners, President; Rhonda Laurentius, Immediate Past President; Sandy Stewart, President Elect; Betsy Gromowsky Vice President; Angie Culler, Treasurer; Dawn McTeer, Secretary; Faith Olliges, Region I Vice President; Kathy Foley, Region II Vice President; Brett Harrison, Region IV Vice President.

MaryAnne Brooks, MCRA Events Coordinator; Diana Taylor and Mary Conway, Budget and Finance Committee; Laurie Shingle, NCRA Representative, were also present.

Members not present were Stephanie Prewitt, Region III Vice President, and Brenda Wills-Christensen, Region V Vice President.

President Manners called the meeting to order and welcomed and introduced the new members.

The 2005-2006 Proposed Budget was distributed to the Board members.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Fundraising was addressed by Sandy Stewart, President Elect, and she reported that the MCRA store brought in \$864. The karaoke fundraiser brought in \$340. Photographs by Judge Nixon brought in \$188. The silent auction brought in \$1,329.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There was brief discussion regarding committee appointments due by October 31, 2005. It was suggested Regional VPs send E-mails to their membership to recruit volunteers for the different committees.

MOTION/OLLIGES: I move that Linda Dattilo be appointed as chair of the Audit Committee, with Linda to appoint remaining committee members no later than October 31, 2005.

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

CHIEF EXAMINER EAST

President Manners announced the appointment of Don Sether as Chief Examiner East.

RETENTION OF BECK & COMPANY, CPA

MOTION/FOLEY: Move that MCRA retain the accounting services of Beck & Company, L.C. for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, in an amount not to exceed \$7,200 for the year, plus any additional costs for supplies and postage.

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

NCRA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MOTION/GROMOWSKY: Move that the Board approve the expenses of sending the 2005-2006 MCRA President to the 2005 NCRA Leadership conference held November 10-13, 2005, in McLean, Virginia. Expenses to include full airfare, cab fare to and from airport, hotel expenses from November 10th, the day the conference begins, until November 13th, the day after the conference concludes, and meals per diem of \$60 per day.

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

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP REPORT

President Manners reported that there were 18 students and \$1,100 was earned for the student adoption program.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Gromowsky indicated that she had nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A list of on-site registrations for new membership was discussed. It was decided Secretary Dawn McTeer would follow up with the new members to have them submit formal applications.

MOTION/LAURENTIUS: Move that we approve Linda Putman, active, and Victoria Hammett, active, as new members.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Angie Culler reported the 2005 Annual Meeting Revenue.

Reporters pre-registrations, reporters on-site registrations, exhibitors' fees and sponsorships \$25,429 and silent auction \$1,329 for a total of \$26,758. Treasurer Culler again reiterated MCRA store income of \$864 and income from the photographs of \$188.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Immediate Past President Laurentius reported that, after review of the total generated income and the estimated expenses for convention, it was anticipated that a profit would be had from the MCRA 2005 convention.

REGION I REPORT

Region I Vice President Olliges reported that she had a good time at the convention.

REGION II REPORT

Region II Vice President Foley reported that she was investigating sites for the 2006 convention.

REGION III REPORT

Region III Vice President Prewitt was unable to attend.

REGION IV REPORT

Region IV Vice President Harrison reported that he was ready to tackle a new year.

REGION V REPORT

Region V Vice President Wills-Christensen was unable to attend.

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS

President Manners reported that there was \$250 leftover money from student sponsorships. People had mailed in extra money. She suggested that that could be used for a booth at the Missouri School Counselor Association Conference November 6th and 7th, 2005, at Tan-Tar-A. There was brief discussion about the disposition of that money. She will follow up with the Board via E-mail.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding reinstatement of the realtime committee. It was decided not to reinstate the realtime committee.

NEW BUSINESS

President Manners conveyed to the Board a request from Arkansas to post their convention website information on the MCRA website. After discussion, it was decided, if Arkansas is willing to reciprocate, the information will be posted.

The September 4, 2005, meeting of the MCRA Board was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn McTeer, MCRA Secretary