

MAA Business Meeting Minutes 3 March 2001

Location: Regional Convention, Holiday Inn, Columbia MO.

Lauren called the meeting to order at 1520.

Members in Attendance (15): Lauren Kennedy (President), Bob Krause (Vice-President), Krista Deckard (Secretary-Treasurer), Shirley Scarbrough (Facilitator), Lee Adams, Chris Cary, Phil Cary, Diane Dix, Mike Duchek, Annie Foncannon, Jennifer Meyer, Katona Mulholland, Helen Stewart, Mike Sager, Dawn Young. Guest: Jonathan Young.

Minutes of the previous business meeting (Leadership, 11 Nov 00) were approved (motion by Dawn, second by Annie).

Krista reviewed the treasurer's report. Including dues received prior to the start of convention, our current balance is \$309.76.

The meeting was started with a discussion of fundraising ideas. Krista presented a heart magnet made of Sculpey clay, with a cost of approximately 75 cents and suggested a selling price of \$3. Sager's jacket idea is still a possibility, but only at a later time when we have the money for the start up costs. Lauren commented that anything sold at the International Marketplace needs to be small and lightweight since it usually involves transporting the items on a flight. Luggage tags and key chains seemed to be the preferred possibilities. Luggage tags were chosen by unanimous vote (motion by Dawn, second by Annie). Shirley volunteered to do some investigating into what the costs will be.

Shirley had thirteen prospective members sign up for more information about MAA. Two new members have paid their dues for 2001-02. Annie challenged all members to recruit a new member into MAA by Leadership Conference. All members present accepted the challenge.

Sager proposed that the election methods be changed. Instead of requiring written nominations two weeks prior to the business meeting, he moved that the by-laws be changed to "nominations will be accepted from the floor at the regularly scheduled business meeting at the Regional convention". Annie seconded. The point was made that this was not presented in writing and Mike moved for a suspension of Article XIII, Section 1, Part A of the by-laws (i.e.: amendments...must be submitted in writing...at least fourteen (14) days prior to voting). Annie seconded the motion and votes were cast. Shirley called the vote and the count was as follows: 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained. The motion for the suspension carried. We then voted on the amendment, which passed unanimously.

Sager then proposed the elimination of the Sec/Treas position indicating the position was not needed and could be covered by the other two officers. He suggested this also to reduce

cost in the future, when financial support of the officers might be feasible. Before discussion could begin, Annie pointed out that Section 501(c)3 of the IRS tax code states that not-for-profit organizations must have three officers. Mike withdrew his proposal.

The current by-laws indicate that dues must be paid for the following year before the first general session of the regional convention. Krista proposed that this deadline be changed to June 1st to avoid the rush of having to get a check to the Treasurer before the first general session. After some discussion, Diane moved that we change the deadline to the MAA business meeting. Sager seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion of increasing dues from \$20 to \$25 annually. When Lauren asked for a motion, none was given and the discussion ended.

Shirley let everyone know of the upcoming Alumni Manual Project for International Headquarters. They have asked Shirley to select a committee. The goal of the project is to prevent a repeat of the National Alumni Association. Examples of things to avoid include: 1) alumni expenses equaling or exceeding that of active chapters, 2) alumni chapters expecting to be supported financially by active chapters, 3) alumni chapters providing services to active chapters at cost or more as fundraisers, or 4) alumni chapters trying to "do their own thing" without guidance or advice. Any suggestions or ideas should be given to Shirley, preferably before International. The committee that Shirley is to appoint is to represent a cross section of individuals, from members up to Regional Coordinators.

Shirley also indicated that this is important because of the increase in alumni associations. The International Alumni Association (IAA) is only a year old. While it had been chartering one new Regional association every two months or so, they have chartered three associations in the last month alone.

Shirley informed everyone that she's looking for volunteers for the Foundation Booth during International convention again this year, and passed around a sign up sheet.

The tentative date for the annual camping/float trip will be 20-22 July 2001. Annie will research possible locations in hopes of deeper water.

Ballots were distributed for the election of officers. Candidates were:

For President: Annie Foncannon

For Vice-President: Diane Dix

For Sec/Treasurer: Krista Deckard

Shirley and Jonathan Young (our guest in attendance) counted the ballots and the election was unanimous.

Krista pointed out that this fall will be PeTey K Bear's tenth birthday and that we might think about having a birthday party for him during Honors in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 1743.

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