

## MAA Business Meeting Minutes 23 Feb 02

Location: Regional Convention, Columbia MO.

Annie called the meeting to order at 1615.

Members in Attendance (12): Annie Foncannon (President), Diane Sager (Vice-President), Krista Deckard (Secretary-Treasurer), Shirley Scarbrough (Facilitator), Cheryl Winter (Advisor), Farah Awan, Jim Campbell, Chris Cary, Phil Cary, Mike Duchek, Lauren Kennedy, Jennifer Meyer, Mike Sager. Guests: Jeff Blumm, Ric Hicks, Stephanie Votrain, and Jonathan Young.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and Diane moved to accept the minutes. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

Krista reported that the current balance is \$1253.31, including dues and college fair income paid so far. Not all members have paid 2002 dues, and approximately three colleges have yet to pay the table fees.

Chris brought two thank you letters from organizations that received Teddy Bear donations. She also noted that the Wentzville "sexual abuse" center should be added to the donation site list.

We are still going to attempt to make the icebreakers handbook, and made a new deadline of 8 Jun 02. Submissions should be emailed to Krista or brought to the Leadership conference in Springfield, 7-9 Jun 02. Contributors should be aware of copywrited items and paraphrase where possible.

Shirley handed out a sheet detailing a proposed by-laws amendment regarding nominations for elections. Currently we accept nominations only from the floor. This prohibits the use of absentee ballots for those not attending the regional convention. The proposal would allow both declarations of candidacy in advance of regional convention and nominations from the floor. Sager is concerned that candidates that "lose" an election will leave the organization, and that if we can nominate them from the floor for another office, it would prevent that candidate from leaving. As Krista pointed out, we are not trying to limit candidacy, but rather make it available by both advance declarations and floor nominations. Shirley also noted that no other alumni association accepts nominations from only the floor.

We discussed a change in pricing of the luggage tags for the International Convention in Nashville TN. While the regional price is 1 @ \$3 and 2 @ \$5, if we raise the price to 1 @ \$3, 2 @ \$7.50, and 3 @ \$10, then the last day of the marketplace we can "slash" prices to equal regional prices and not make any less money than we otherwise would have. Duchek moved for an initial price of 1 @ \$3.50 and 2 @ \$6. Cheryl seconded, and the motion carried. Krista

suggested the possibility of ordering an additional lot of tags in another color, but most members present felt it would be better to wait and see how the tags sell at International.

Regarding the earlier college fair/scholarship meeting with John Balas, Camille Novak, Kevin Dixon, and the MAA Executive committee, Shirley passed out a criteria page for a Missouri Leaders of Promise Scholarship. It's based on the International scholarship of the same name. Sager moved we accept the establishment of the scholarship, using the same selection criteria as International. Jim seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The annual camping/float trip will take place at Blue Springs Ranch, Bourbon MO (the same place as last year's trip). The proposed date for the trip is 26-28 Jul 02.

Annie described an idea for an MAA Training series as a possible service to the region. Members that have presented workshops in the past would prepare materials that would allow any other member to make the same presentation. Packet materials would be shared and we would teach each other the more important points of the presentation. Possibilities include: Turbocharged Meetings, Leadership Basics, Public Speaking, Stress Management, How to Delegate Effectively, Parliamentary Procedure, and Resume Writing. Everyone liked the idea and Duchek moved we form a subcommittee for planning this training series. Sager seconded and the motion carried. As Vice President, Diane is to chair the subcommittee.

Annie passed around a fundraising idea called a Lucinda pin. The pins are each handmade and are available in several categories such as people, houses, or animals, etc. More categories and pictures can be seen at [www.lucinda.com](http://www.lucinda.com). Pins are sold in lots of 50, for \$6.75 each, and the organization says they are to be sold for \$13.00 each. Diane objected to the price of the pins and many concurred.

The meeting concluded with the election. Declarations of candidacy had been made Krista (President) and Jim (Vice-President). Duchek nominated Diane as Secretary/Treasurer and Cheryl seconded. Diane accepted the nomination. Lauren nominated Jennifer for Secretary/Treasurer, but Jennifer declined the nomination. Because all offices were uncontested, Duchek proposed we accept by acclamation. Sager seconded, and the motion was accepted unanimously.

Krista adjourned the meeting at 1716.

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