

## **Missouri Alumni Association Business Meeting- November 15, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 3:44PM by MAA Vice-President Rose Schulte.

Those in attendance included:

Jennifer Duchek  
Rose Schulte  
Cheryl Winter  
Bella Hafezi  
Annie Foncannon  
Theresia Metz  
Amy Schulte  
Arthur Nott-Hopkins (guest)

Shirley Scarbrough  
Lauren Kennedy  
Mona Kalayeth  
Michael Duchek  
Mike Sager  
Jodi Schulte  
Dawn Young

A motion was made by Mike Sager to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2003 meeting. Cheryl Winter seconded. Minutes approved.

Old Business:

Mike Sager discussed sending letters out for the next college fair. He also mentioned the idea of the governor sending letters to college presidents, encouraging them to send a representative for the college fair.

Next, we discussed what responsibility the MAA has regarding reporting our finances/account balances. Cheryl suggested that it be done annually. Arthur asked why we had a separate account. It was explained that the MAA and the organization's finances are autonomous from the Missouri region. Lauren mentioned that a lot of people do not seem to know where the money from the MAA goes. Many agreed that giving an actual "report" could invite trouble in the future. The MAA's finances are not kept secret and are available for anyone's perusal.

New Business:

As an update, Jennifer Duchek reported that the MAA currently had a roster of 39 members.

Shirley told everyone that she had spoken with Jo Frits regarding workshops at the Regional convention. Jo wants MAA members to present workshops, as many as possible. Alumni are free to do whatever sort of workshops they see fit. Jo is asking for a list by Sunday. Jo is also asking for help with the Friday night icebreaker. A version of "Whose Line is it Anyway?" will be played.

The Leaders of Promise scholarship was discussed next. We only received three applications and we awarded three scholarships. It's become a concern that the award is limiting because applicants are restricted to 34 credit hours or less completed to apply. Mike Sager made a motion to amend the guidelines to 60 hours or less and was supported

by Mike Duchek. Cheryl opted for 42 hours, stating that this matches the number of hours needed to fulfill the Missouri General Education requirement. Annie moves to amend the motion to make the requirement 42 credit hours. Lauren seconded. Motion carried and the appropriate change will be made to the application. Thus, applicants must have 42 credit hours or less on January 31<sup>st</sup> of the year for which they are applying for the Leaders of Promise scholarship. There are some important date changes also.

Applications for the award will be available March 1<sup>st</sup> from now on. The MAA must receive the applications no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>. Award winners will be notified by July 1<sup>st</sup> and scholarship money will be awarded for the next *academic* year. The winners will receive their first installment at Leadership. Everyone agreed that it was an honor for the recipients to receive this award in front of other members, their peers and chapters.

Some new fundraising ideas were discussed next. Shirley informed everyone that she had made some more key chains. She also suggested making a bracelet out of beads as well for future consideration.

The issue of raising dues was an idea suggested for increasing the organization's funds. Shirley proposed that the MAA dues be raised to either \$25 or \$30, from the current price of \$20. Many members feel that the \$20 cost is high enough already. Cheryl suggested that if members wish to contribute more, they can do so on an individual basis. Annie agrees that while trying to build our funds up, increasing the dues would make the cost prohibitive for some people. She supported the "extra" option that Cheryl voiced. Mike Sager suggested that all money taken in (after scholarship money is accounted for, such as Leaders of Promise, Good as Gold, etc.) be in a trust fund setup. Mike Duchek moved that the discussion be tabled until Regional. We'll re-visit the issue at that time.

Shirley briefed everyone on a couple of things. Tomorrow, the health trivia game will be taking place. Shirley already made up questions, but needed everyone's help in collecting answer sheets, etc. She also told everyone about the next United Cerebral Palsy auction. It's March 6, 2004 and the theme is Jazz in New Orleans. The event is moving to the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton, Missouri this year.

With no further business to discuss, Annie moved that we adjourn. Cheryl seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15Pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Duchek  
MAA Secretary/Treasurer