

**Minnesota Rural Health Association
Board of Director's Meeting – June 16, 2009
DECC – Board Room
7:00AM**

Minutes

Attending: Jack Geller, Tim Stratton, Duane Nelson, Jenny Schlagenhaft, Kathy Huntley, Darrell Carter, Mark Schoenbaum, Jill L. Myers, Robin Weis, Tiffany Yen, Judy Neppel

Excused: Karla Weng, Liz Quam, Maddy Forsberg, Jenni Lohse, David Borgert

Ex Officio: Marnie Moore

1. **Call to Order:** President Geller called the meeting to order at 7:09AM.
2. **Approval of Minutes from May 19:** Motion to approve minutes as written made by Tim Stratton and seconded by Jenny Schlagenhaft. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Treasurer Duane Nelson gave the Balance and Profit and Loss Reports effective May 31, 2009. A motion to approve the report was made by Darrell Carter and seconded by Tim Stratton. Motion approved unanimously.

Duane Nelson reported that the Executive Committee/Audit Committee met June 15, 2009, to audit all receipts, membership income, other income, etc., and reported that the financial records are without blemish.

4. **Director's Report:** Executive Director, Judy Neppel, reported on the progress made since the last board meeting in May: cyber conference participation numbers in April and May, membership progress, plans for the summers work, and regular office correspondence.
5. **Nominating Committee Appointment:** President Geller appointed the following individuals to the Nominating Committee: Duane Nelson, Robin Weis, Kathy Huntley, and Jack Geller. The by-laws state that the Past President will act as the Chair. President Geller requested that the Committee will be prepared to nominate a President Elect at the July Board Meeting.

6. Presidential Transfer of Office: President Geller thanked the Board and the Executive Director for a successful year. The Board recognized the President for his contribution this past in year, in particular, the attainment of the Bremer grant. He passed the MRHA gavel to Dr. Tim Stratton who assumes the MRHA Presidency immediately.

7. Other:

President Stratton thanked Marnie Moore for her assistance in getting the Rural Forum legislative contingency invited and organized.

President Stratton thanked Judy Neppel, Executive Director, for her good work this past year.

President Stratton thanked Past President Geller for his outstanding leadership in the past year.

President Stratton introduced a motion to approve a bonus for Executive Director Neppel. The motion was seconded by Jack Geller. Motion approved unanimously.

The Executive Committee introduced the idea of a fall retreat, perhaps located in St. Cloud, in late September or early October. The retreat agenda would be focused on the direction and visioning process for the upcoming year along with establishing a legislative agenda for 2010.

Upcoming meeting dates: 2 face-to-face meetings annually – retreat and annual meeting, monthly conference call meeting the 2nd Monday of each month at noon.

8. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Kathy Huntley, seconded by Darrell Carter. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48AM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Neppel
Secretary