

**Minnesota Rural Health Association  
Board of Director's Meeting  
Friday, September 7, 2007  
Conference Call**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Barbara Muesing, Jenni Beech, David Bogert, Ray Christensen, Jack Geller, Mark Schoenbaum, Tim Stratton, Robin Weis, Nancy Franke Wilson, Tiffany Yen.

**Ex Officio:** Judy Neppel

1. **Call to Order:** President Barbara Muesing called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM
2. **Summit Debriefing:** More than 130 people attended the Summit. The rural health multi state sponsored event had good energy and the Summit evaluation summary shared with the Board demonstrates that the audience saw it to be an excellent conference. The question posed is "where do we go now?" The MRHA retreat agenda will include that discussion. President Muesing reported that the 6X5 panel summary is nearly ready and will be posted to the website. The UMC Health Management students, under the guidance of faculty member David Seyfried, are interested in developing an interactive blog to continue the dialogue. More on that at the retreat.

**Retreat Planning:** The MRHA Board Retreat is planned for Monday, October 15, 2007. from 10AM-3PM. Robin Weis and Maddy Forsberg kindly agreed to establish a location so a meeting room reservation has been made at the Jackpot Junction in Redwood Falls MN. A conference phone discussion will be scheduled at noon for Board members who cannot attend the retreat. The agenda will include: legislative initiatives, the rural opportunity assessment (ROA), resource development, membership development, by law revision and other committee work plan discussions. Mark Schoenbaum discussed the importance of including an agenda item to review the report to the legislative committee which is due on September 25<sup>th</sup> to insure rural health inclusion.

3. **Board Committee Appointments: 2008**  
By-Law Committee: Jenni Beech and Maddy Forsberg  
Resource Committee: Mark Schoenbaum and Jack Geller  
Education Committee: Nancy Franke Wilson  
Advocacy Committee: Seeking volunteers  
Membership Committee: Liz Quam and Barbara Muesing  
Each Committee will report their work plans or outcomes at the Board Retreat
4. **Adjourned: 12:40PM**  
**Next Board Meeting – Conference Call – Friday November 16, 2007 at 12 N**