



MINNESOTA RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
DECC Duluth MN Board Room
June 29, 2010

Attending: Tim Stratton, Ray Christensen, Liz Quam, Jack Geller, Tiffany Yen, Laurissa Stigen, Allison Lunde, Jenny Schlagenhaft, Duane Nelson, Karla Weng, Mark Schoenbaum: via conference call: Marnie Moore, Darrell Carter, Jenni Lohse

Excused: Robin Weis, Maddy Forsberg, Barbara Muesing, Jim Dregney, Jill Myers, David Brenne, David Borgert

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** President Stratton called the meeting to order at 6:50AM and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The motion for approval of the May 10, 2010, minutes was made by Weng and seconded by Lunde. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:** none
4. **Old Business:** President Stratton called on each of the committees for their report.
Membership: Schlagenhaft reported that the committee met on June 28th and considered initiatives to propose to the Board. The first is a survey of the current membership assessing their needs and expectations and reminding them of the benefits of membership. Thoughts about randomly selecting some long and short term members and phoning or meeting them face-to-face to survey their needs and expectations is also being considered. The goal would be to use the feedback to build a work plan. Discussions about a target audience included all CAH's, long term care facilities, and rural health clinics and the concept of a reduced 1st year membership to encourage increasing numbers of corporate level memberships. Additionally, corporate membership affords the opportunity to list 4 members and all should be encouraged to do so. The question of student membership was raised. Neppel reported that there are currently 21 student members. The Committee will work with the AHEC's to improve the student membership efforts. The next committee meeting will be in a month. The agenda will include the development of the survey questions.
Education: Weng reported that she is seeking additional members to join the committee.

Tiffany Yen and Laurissa Stigen volunteered to serve. Weng will schedule a meeting of the new committee soon.

Finance: Brenne is Chair. In his absence, Duane Nelson reported that there hadn't been a committee meeting but it is his recommendation that consideration be given to investing funds in a longer term better yielding fund.

Advocacy: Moore is Chair. She asked that she be emailed the membership of the committee and she will call a meeting including R Christensen very soon.

Structure: Christensen is Chair. He had no report to share.

5. **Salary:** President Stratton made a motion in support of the Executive Director be awarded a bonus for 2009-2010 of \$2500. Motion seconded by Lunde. Approved unanimously. Neppel thanked the Board for their generosity.
6. **Nominating Committee:** Past President Jack Geller reported that Allison Lunde has been elected by the Board in an email vote, the President Elect of MRHA for 2010-2011. David Brenne has agreed to serve another year as Treasurer. Motion to accept the nominating committees report is made by Geller, seconded by Quam. Motion approved unanimously.
7. **Transfer of Presidency:** President Tim Stratton transferred the gavel and office to Dr. Ray Christensen who will serve as MRHA President for 2010-2011. Dr. Christensen presented an award of appreciation from the Board of MRHA to Immediate Past President Stratton.
8. Other

Duane Nelson, Past MRHA Treasurer, announced his resignation from the MRHA Board. The Board thanked him for his years of service to the Board and in particular for his years of serve as Treasurer of the organization.