



Minnesota Rural Health Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2010
12 Noon – Conference Call

MINUTES

Attending: Ray Christensen, Tim Stratton, Allison Lunde, David Brenne, Darrell Carter, Liz Quam, Tiffany Yen, Mark Schoenbaum, Jill Myers, Laurissa Stigen, Jim Dregney, Jenni Lohse, and Judy Neppel

Excused: David Borgert, Jenny Schlagenhaft, Karla Weng, Jack Geller, Marnie Moore

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – A motion to approve the minutes of the September 13th meeting was made by D Carter, seconded by M Schoenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Business Arising From Minutes** – none
4. **Old Business-**
Committee Reports
 - Membership – No Report - J Schlagenhaft absent
 - Education – No Report – K Weng absent
 - Finance – see report below
 - Advocacy – No Report – M Moore absent
 - Structure – R Christensen reported that the committee has met and that the current structure is deemed appropriate with no recommendations for modification at this time.
5. **New Business-**
 - MRHA Board Retreat – J Neppel reported that the November 19th Board retreat is scheduled using a virtual format and thanked the ORHPC M Schoenbaum and his staff for the excellent job of putting the technology in place with each of our Board members. The Retreat is scheduled from 8:30AM to 2:30PM. President Christensen discussed the retreat agenda. Plans are to do a mission and vision review, formulate the MRHA legislative initiative, discuss organizational strategy for the upcoming year, and discuss the regional conference plans.
 - MRHA Day at the Capitol – after considerable discussion, the date established is Wednesday, February 2, 2011. All were asked to put the date on their calendars.
 - Regional Conference – see Executive Directors report for an update on the planning to date.

- Finance Report – D Brenne, Treasurer, reported that the Board has received the finance report for September 30, 2010. He asked if there were any questions. Motion to accept the report was made by D Brenne. Seconded by D Carter. Motion passed unanimously
- Director’s Report – See attached Executive Directors report dated October 11, 2010.

6. Other –

J Neppel reported that the Rural Health Conference is scheduled for June 27-28, 2011 at the DECC in Duluth MN. The planning committee has begun its work. More will be reported in the future.

Policy Forum – This is an off election year. A suggestion that a congressional and legislative representative could perhaps discuss health care reform changes at the national and state levels. There needs to be more discussion about this issue.

L Stigen discussed the state AHEC’s intention to schedule a meeting in conjunction with the regional multistate conference. She will join the group planning the conference

7. Adjourn-

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22PM.

Minutes Respectively Submitted by:
Judith Neppel, Secretary