

Michigan Educational Research Association

Minutes

May 6, 2009

Present: Paul Robinson, Chris Schram, Dave Treder, Kathleen Miller, Mark Weinberg, Ernie Bauer, Bettie Landauer-Menchik, Harvey Czerwinski, Tovah Sheldon (via phone)

Absent: Bill Brown, Laurie Smith

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by President Dave Treder.
2. **Approvals:** The minutes were approved as written with the change to the next meeting date.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. Website update. Mark is still cleaning up the board member information. Send corrections to him. There was a motion to pay the annual website fee of \$10.69. The motion passed. Someday we'd like to get the old mera.net website to direct to the new one.
4. **Conferences:**
 - a. Spring 2009 Conference: Dave will check on having double screens for projection. Current registrations are about 50. Tovah will bring one data projector, Bettie will send one with Dave, and Dave will bring one. Laurie has the bios and is putting together the folders, along with the evaluations, name tags, tablet, and the program. Kathy will introduce the speakers. Measured Progress will have table. We picked the menu for the conference. The board will meet after the conference on Friday and go out to lunch. We are cancelling Bettie's session and moving Laurie's and Dave's sessions to Friday morning in Bettie's slot. The Gullens will be staying in the hospitality suite. We reviewed the evaluation form and made updates. Ernie will communicate with Laurie the need for the speakers to get nametags and also name flags (stickers) for board members.
 - b. Fall 2009 Conference: Carol Commodore will be the main speaker on November 23rd. Her rate last year was \$2500 for a full day plus expenses. Kathy will follow up on a contract with her. The second day is to be determined. We will try to do a conference call with Carol Commodore to talk to her about what would be a good follow up to what she will be presenting. We'll follow up at the next meeting. The next conference will be November 23 and 24. Bettie will follow up with Paul Bielawski to hold the date on the 24th.
5. **Other Old Business:** Chris will change the letterhead to get the right website on it.
6. **New Business:** none
7. **Good and Welfare:** none
8. **Next Board Meeting:** May 15 after the conference (about noon) in Mt. Pleasant.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.