

Minutes of MERA Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
November 24, 2008

President Chris Schram called the meeting to order at 4:45 a.m.

Present: Ernest Bauer, Harvey Czerwinski, Bruce Fay, Betty Landauer-Menchik, Doug MacPherson, Kathleen Miller, Christine Schram, David Treder, Mark Weinberg

Absent: Mariann Conklin, Laurie Smith

Guests: Bill Brown, Paul Robinson

NEXT BOARD MEETING
December 3, 2008
Approximately 10:30 Genesse ISD

Possible December agenda items:

- *Election of officers*
- *Approval of Membership meeting minutes*
- *Approval of November board meeting minutes*
- *Selection of meeting site, dates and time for 2009*
- *Appoint/assign people for:*
 - o *Conference hospitality host*
 - o *Conference facility coordination*
 - o *Program committee for fall 09 and beyond*

2. Approvals

No changes were made to the agenda and the minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed.

3. Old Business

Mark is doing great things to get our website redesigned and stocked with the various things we want there. He is even getting some training and will do a brief overview of the site at the conference on Tuesday. He wants to get the new constitution and bylaws on the web as well as the new slate of officers. He is even looking at the possibility of running the 2009 election on the web. Things are off and running. Keep it up Mark.

4. Reorganization / Incorporation

Bruce reported that IRS Form 1023 is being completed and he will report more at the December meeting.

5. Conferences

a. Fall 2008

Kados were given to Bettie and her committee for an excellent program. Registrations were also strong, the largest in many moons. Evaluations will be collected and **Dave** will do the analysis.

b. Spring 2009

Bettie reported that the theme is "Evaluating Your Success – Or Not." Possible topics included:

- How to build evaluations into changes being undertaken
- Bob Folden (?) from MSU is being considered as the keynote speaker

The planners are looking for folks who are working on specific evaluations of a somewhat small, highly focused nature in their district or building. Thought is also being given to actually demonstrate evaluation planning by doing one with the group with a topic like tri-semesters. Bettie asked that we think about other presenters and report back at the December meeting.

There was also some discussion about the PohlCat and its use if we have larger attendance or more technology demands. Some thought was given to possibilities at CMU as their students are usually gone when we have the conference. No decisions were made pending more consideration.

c. Fall 2009

Need to identify folks to lead planning effort.

6. Committee Reports / Updates / Information

a. Election results: The Board directed Doug to destroy the ballots.

b. Ernie reported challenges he had in getting all registration checks to his office using the internal processes at Oakland Schools. He also reported that a written agreement between Oakland and MERA would help to expedite the delivery and the Board directed **Ernie** to take this action if needed.

7. Other Old Business: NONE

8. New Business: NONE

9. Good & Welfare: NONE

Respectfully submitted, Douglas MacPherson, Secretary