



MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
April 12, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.
Teleconference

1. Rodney Lynch, President opened the meeting at 10:11.

Present: Rodney Lynch, Tony Levesque, Steve Dyer, Darryl Sterling, Gail Chase, Tom Martin, Glen Ohlund, and Anne Krieg.

2. Review of the February 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes prepared by Joella Theriault and presented by Rodney Lynch.

Tony Levesque made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Glen Ohlund seconded the motion, there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. Treasurer's Report prepared by Mathew Eddy and presented by Rodney Lynch.

Tony Levesque made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Steve Dyer seconded the motion, there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Report of Committees:

Professional Development – Darryl Sterling gave an overview of the upcoming workshop scheduled for May 30th in Bangor. There will be three sessions and a brief MCDA meeting. Two sessions presented my representatives of MEREDA and one session presented by a representative of the Financial Sector. Darryl stated that he is still confirming speakers and that he was looking to finalize the agenda by next week. Rodney confirmed with Mathew Eddy that the workshop will include a greeting session and a brief business meeting as well as having Joella Theriault prepare a brochure for the workshop.

Membership – Steve Dyer gave an update on membership. Steve mentioned that there were 41 members to-date, that Steve Pelletier has joined from Fort Kent, and he asked about contacts with several missing past members. Tony Levesque said that he had contacted St. Agatha and UVEC and that they were not able to participate at this time. Darryl Sterling mentioned that Winslow and Sidney may join. Steve Dyer suggested that Rockland may join again.

Communication and Newsletter – Rodney reported that Joella is finishing up the January to March 2013 Newsletter and that she is waiting on the final items for the May 30th workshop to include in the newsletter. Rodney is also looking for any job openings or new hires to add to his newsletter article.

Nominations – Gail Chase is working with Tom Martin on the draft Slate of Officers. And she asked for more committee members. Tony Levesque volunteered to work on the committee in his capacity as a Past President and he informed that two more members are needed. Gail also mentioned that she has contacted the existing officers to confirm their willingness to continue in office and she is waiting to hear from everyone except Darryl Sterling who is willing to be President in the next term.

5. Update from DECD/OCD

Rodney said that he had not received any information from the DECD/OCD staff except for the fact that there has been issued a Freeze of Grant Awards until the issue around the Federal Sequester funding is settled.

6. Other Business

Rodney asked if everyone had seen the information on sponsorship of the Maine Downtown Conference and asked what was the pleasure of the Board.

Tony Levesque made a motion to provide the same amount as last year (\$250.00) and have Anne Krieg attend in our behalf using the sponsorship complimentary funds for her registration, Darryl Sterling seconded the motion, and there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Rodney asked if MCDA should provide information in support of \$100,000 appropriation for the Maine Downtown Center at the Legislative Hearings.

Tony Levesque made a motion to authorize the President to prepare a letter of support and that the President, or his designee, attend the hearing in MCDA's behalf to give verbal support for the appropriation to the Downtown Center , Tom Martin seconded the motion, there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Anne Kreig mentioned that the NNECAPA Association is preparing for their Fall Meeting on the theme "Planning for Everyone". Anne suggested a panel to include CDBG interested parties.

Rodney stated that he, Jim Gulnac and Mathew Eddy may be available to sit on the suggested panel. Anne is to send out more information on the list serve.

Rodney Lynch suggested several items for the May 30th Meeting Agenda including the Annual Meeting Speakers, Awards and an Update on the CDBG Program.

Rodney Lynch adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Levesque
Acting Recording Secretary