

**MI-AIRS Board General Meeting
Wednesday, December 12, 2007**

Present: Doug Plant (President)
Sue Asher (Vice-President)
Kari Marciniak
Sherry Miller
Suzanne Eman-Jaehnig (Secretary)
Brenna Wheeler
Mary Leininger
Sue Zanley (Treasurer)

By Phone: Terry Thomma (for Jonathan Mead)
LaNeice Jones
Mickie Jannazzo
Bob McKown
Judy Whitehearst
Chris Kenzie

Absent: Becki Tyler
Dick Manikowski
Susan Howell

Doug called the meeting to order at 1:05.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Mary L. moved, Sue Z. seconded to approve the agenda as drafted. Motion approved.

The following corrections were noted on the October 10, 2007 minutes. Tanisha from Volunteer Center of Battle Creek's name is spelled incorrectly, Hannah Newton's name was left off as a guest, LaNeice J. did attend and was left off the attendee list. Change the wording of E-newsletter to E-website. Sue Z. moved, Sue A. seconded to change minutes as noted. Motion approved.

Officer Reports

A. President

Doug posed the question of how we will develop a new MI-AIRS work plan. Sue A. and Bob M. offered to help Doug develop the work plan for 2008. It was decided that January 15 is the deadline to have the individual committee work plans updated.

Bob M. stated that he will be on the AIRS conference planning committee. They have designated 2011 as the year that the AIRS conference will be in a midwestern city. Affiliate members are expected to provide support for evening activities, staff booths and help participants get around the community. The conference would need a site that could accommodate 700 people. The board discussed possible cities where the AIRS conference could be held. Lansing and Traverse City were discussed as possible places to have the conference but the expense of getting participants to the areas would be a problem due to the lack of direct flights to these cities. It was decided that Detroit was the most likely venue for the AIRS conference in Michigan. Greenfield Village would be a nice venue for an evening event. AIRS won't be working on any specific details for the 2011 conference until next year. Doug told the group that the national United Way conference is coming in 2009 to Detroit.

Bob M. will communicate to the AIRS Conference Planning Committee that MI-AIRS is interested in hosting the 2011 conference in Michigan.

B. Vice-President

Nothing to report

C. Treasurer

The MI-AIRS account currently has \$10,145.18. Sue stated that we received \$225.00 from AIRS for affiliate dues. Essential Learning has not been billed yet and will cost approximately \$2,000.00 from the MI-AIRS account.

Committee Reports

A. Program Committee

Suzanne requested that someone else from the Program Committee consider taking on the chair role as she has been doing it for a number of years. It was suggested that Kari M. take on the co-chair role. The committee will be meeting in January to determine the training's that MI-AIRS will offer in 2008.

B. 2-1-1 Committee

Central Michigan 2-1-1 is looking to expand into Lenawee. Their application will be available next week. Two volunteers have been recruited with one more needed. If someone is interested in being on this committee communicate with Sherry M. The person needs to be available in January to meet. The St. Joe County application is coming in January. That team has already been formed.

C. Public Awareness Committee

Brenna announced that the MI-AIRS newsletter is out.

D. Nominating Committee

Sue A. stated that if anyone wants to take the chairmanship for this committee they are welcome. Sue will put together an updated board list and Doug will also e-mail out to the group an updated committee list.

Sue announced that she is retiring from her current position as Community Impact Director at the United Way of Midland County as of this Friday. She will continue to do contract work for United Way of Midland County that will be focused on 2-1-1. She will be looking at getting a five-county call center going that includes Midland, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella and Clare counties.

Sherry announced that the merger between Ottawa and Muskegon counties was approved by the MI Public Service Commission. An application will be submitted soon for Mason and Oceana counties.

There was a discussion on upcoming CIRS and CRS test sites. There is a test scheduled in March in Jackson, Kalamazoo in April or May and a summer or fall test that may be in Detroit. Mickie Z. will feel out if there is a need for a test date in the U.P. Sue A. stated that she would be willing to host a test date in Bay City or Midland.

LaNeice J. announced that her organization is looking for a new Unit Director.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the MAUW office in Lansing.