

# MARC

Mid-America Regulatory Conference Inc.

**President: Darrell Hanson, Iowa**  
**Vice President: Colette D. Honorable, Arkansas**  
**Treasurer: Carolene Mays, Indiana**  
**Secretary: Carolene Mays, Indiana**

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## MARC 2011 Business Meeting *held at the* MARC Annual Meeting Monday, June 7, 2011 — Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD

The following MARC Commissioners were in attendance at the meeting:

Colette Honorable	Arkansas	Robert Clayton	Missouri
Doug Scott	Illinois	Jeff Davis	Missouri
Larry Landis	Indiana	Kevin Gunn	Missouri
Carolene Mays	Indiana	Terry Jarrett	Missouri
Rob Bernsten	Iowa	Robert Kenney	Missouri
Darrell Hanson	Iowa	Anne Boyle	Nebraska
Libby Jacobs	Iowa	Rod Johnson	Nebraska
Ward Loyd	Kansas	Tim Schram	Nebraska
Mark Sievers	Kansas	Tony Clark	North Dakota
Greg White	Michigan	Steve Kolbeck	South Dakota
David Boyd	Minnesota	Chris Nelson	South Dakota
Betsy Wergin	Minnesota	Donna Nelson	Texas
Dennis O'Brien	Minnesota		
Ellen Anderson	Minnesota		

### Call to Order:

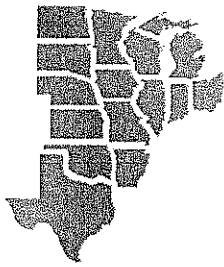
The meeting was called to order by President Kolbeck at 7:50 a.m.

### Welcome New Commissioners and Introductions:

President Kolbeck welcomed new MARC commissioners Ellen Anderson, Doug Scott, Libby Jacobs and Mark Sievers.

### Minutes and Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the February 15, 2011 Business Meeting were circulated by Commissioner Mays. Commissioner Davis moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Honorable seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved without opposition.



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### Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Honorable presented the Treasurer's Report. An electronic vote had been taken to approve seed money of \$10,000 to Iowa Utility Board to prepare for the 2012 MARC meeting, they are hosting. Since electronic voting had not yet been approved, a motion was made to ratify the request. Commissioner Landis moved to approve the treasurer's report and the seed money be distributed to the Iowa UB and Commissioner Jarrett seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

### By-laws Changes:

*Staff Treasurer* – Commissioner Honorable distributed proposed language for the change in the treasurer duties which would allow the administrative work to be handled by a staff treasurer in Article IV, Section 5 of the MARC By-laws. This change has been discussed for several years, but the By-law change has not taken place. Commissioner Boyd moved to adopt the proposed language for the change in the By-Laws. Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition. Notice was made of Cindy Kemnitz from South Dakota as the MARC Staff Treasurer. Commissioner Honorable commended Cindy and the process of having a staff treasurer.

*Electronic Voting* – The proposed language for a change in the MARC By-laws, Article I Section 6, to allow voting by electronic mail between meetings was distributed by Commissioner Honorable. Commissioner Boyle moved to adopt the proposed change in the By-laws. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Discussion was held to clarify the procedures for requesting a vote by electronic mail. It was determined that requested votes would be submitted by the MARC president and approved by the MARC executive committee. Discussion was also held regarding whether each Commissioner or each Commission would have a vote. It was determined that there would be one (1) vote per Commission, as consistent with the voting rights in Article III, Section 5 of the By-laws. The motion carried without any opposition.

### 2011 MARC Annual Meeting Update:

President Kolbeck thanked the commissioners for attending. He reported that 320 attendees and 100 guests registered for the meeting, which far exceeded expectations. President Kolbeck reported that he personally raised an additional \$77,000 in donations. Registrations will bring in approximately \$153,000 and there are currently approximately \$150,000 in expenses. The expected net will probably be close to \$70,000. Several Commissioners congratulated President Kolbeck on a successful meeting and Commissioner Bernsten commended President Kolbeck on making the meeting so family friendly.

### President's Call for Next MARC Business Meeting:

The next MARC business meeting will be held on July 19, 2011 from 11:45am – 1:00pm during the NARUC Summer Meeting at the JW Marriott LA Live, Los Angeles, CA.

**New Business:**

**MARC Officer Elections** – President Kolbeck announced that there is a Commissioner that expressed interest in being Secretary, but could not be in attendance at this meeting. He requested that unless there was another Commissioner that wanted to be Secretary, he would request that the vote for the position be held at the MARC business meeting in July. Commissioner Mays would remain Secretary until a vote is taken for a new Secretary. President Kolbeck nominated the following slate of candidates which moves the current officers to the next level of office:

- ❖ **Treasurer** – Carolene Mays, Indiana. A motion was made by Commissioner Honorable and seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion carried.
- ❖ **Vice President** – Colette Honorable, Arkansas. A motion was made by President Kolbeck and seconded by Commissioner Boyle. The motion carried.
- ❖ **President** – Darrell Hanson, Iowa. It was explained that Krista Tanner, the former Vice President would have been nominated to be President, but is no longer on the Iowa Commission; therefore Commissioner Hanson was moved to the position. A motion was made by President Kolbeck and seconded by Commissioner Jarrett. The motion carried.
- ❖ **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to NARUC** – Commissioner Mays nominated Colette Honorable, Arkansas for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to NARUC. Commissioner White seconded. The motion carried. Commissioner Boyle commended Commissioner Honorable for her great work and expressed that she would be great in the progression to the President of NARUC.

**Presentation:**

Commissioner Kenney did an overview presentation on the Utility Marketplace Access (UMA) Subcommittee regarding “Enhancing Procurement Opportunities in Regulated Markets”.

**Presentation and Thank You:**

President Hanson made a special presentation on behalf of the MARC Commissioners to Steve Kolbeck for his years of service as a Commissioner and work as the President of MARC, as he not only moves from his position as President, but also as he leaves the SD Commission. Commissioner Kolbeck thanked all the Commissioners and especially Commissioner Anthony for getting him involved.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Commissioner Carolene Mays*