

# MID-AMERICA REGULATORY CONFERENCE

## MEETING MINUTES NARUC Annual Meeting Monday, November 9, 2015 JW Marriott – Austin, TX

The following MARC Commissioners attended the meeting:

Bill Kenney	MO	Ann McCabe	IL
Chris Nelson	SD	Tim Schram	NE
Donna Nelson	TX	Phil Montgomery	WI
David Ziegner	IN	John Tuma	MN
Nick Wagner	IA	Daniel Hall	MO
John Quackenbush	MI	Ellen Nowak	WI
Brian Kalk	ND	Julie Fedorchak	ND
Jay Scott Emler	KS	Sally Talberg	MI
Mike Huebsch	WI	Bob Anthony	OK
Libby Jacobs	IA	Kristie Fiegen	SD
Carol Stephan	IN	Ted Thomas	AR
John Rosales	IL	Shari Albrecht	KS
Crystal Rhodes	NE	Nancy Lange	MN
Betsy Wergin	MN	Steve Stoll	MO
Norm Saari	MI	Maida Coleman	MO
Carolene Mays-Medley	IN		

### Call to Order:

President Brian Kalk called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

### Welcome New Commissioners:

Commissioner Norm Saari from Michigan, Commissioner Crystal Rhodes from Nebraska and Commissioner Maida Coleman from Missouri were introduced and welcomed as new members.

### Minutes and Secretary's Report:

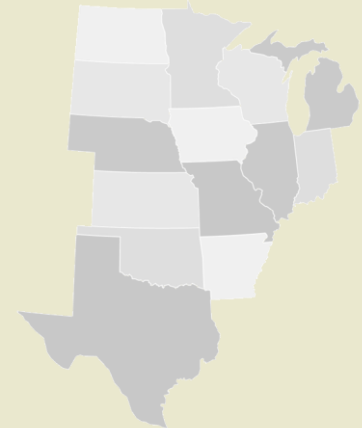
The minutes from the July 15, 2015 meeting in New York, NY were presented and approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Bill Kenney presented the financial report stating as of October 31, 2015 MARC had \$164,902.72 in checking and \$503.31 in savings.

The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

## MARC



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South Dakota  
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Wisconsin

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Brian Kalk, ND

Vice President:  
Ann McCabe, IL

Treasurer:  
Bill Kenney, MO

Secretary:  
Nick Wagner, IA

Executive Committee:  
Dana Murphy, OK

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## **Call for Next Business Meeting:**

The next MARC business meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX at the Commissioners Retreat held January 7-9, 2015.

## **MARC 2016 Update**

MARC Commissioners Retreat will be January 7-9, 2016 at the Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

The 2016 MARC Annual Meeting will be held in Bismarck, ND June 12-15, 2016 at the Radisson Downtown.

Commissioner Phil Montgomery gave a review of the 2015 MARC annual meeting indicating that the event raised approximately \$30,000.

The 2017 MARC Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held in Chicago at the Swissotel, June 17-21, 2017.

## **Old Business:**

Discussion regarding 2017 MARC Annual Conference date for Chicago, IL.

Discussion regarding MARC nominee for NARUC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in November 2016. Currently two announced candidates include Commissioner Wagner and Commissioner Nowak. Vote procedures and dates for selection of nominee were discussed with no action taken.

## **New Business:**

A discussion was held to cover travel expenses including airline and hotel for all commissioners to attend MARC events.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mays-Medley that the executive committee have the authority to define and determine the appropriate compensation level for commissioner travel not to exceed certain thresholds per commissioner and commission. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The audit report and lack of a whistleblower policy was briefly discussed with no action taken.

Commissioner McCabe discussed the Northwestern Dialogue held in Chicago April 25-26, 2016.

## **Outgoing Members:**

Commissioner Betsy Wergin was recognized as this was her last MARC meeting as a member.

## **Motion to Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Commissioner Nick Wagner, IA*