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MARC Commissioners Only Retreat January 8 - 10, 2009 San Antonio, TX

The following MARC Commissioners were in attendance at the meeting:

Charles Box	Illinois	Phyllis Reha	Minnesota
Sherman Elliott	Illinois	Tim Schram	Nebraska
Darrell Hanson	Iowa	Tony Clark	North Dakota
Krista Tanner	Iowa	Valerie Lemmie	Ohio
Joseph Harkins	Kansas	Bob Anthony	Oklahoma
Michael Moffet	Kansas	Dana Murphy	Oklahoma
Thomas Wright	Kansas	Gary Hanson	South Dakota
Orji Isiogu	Michigan	Eric Callisto	Wisconsin
Monica Martinez	Michigan	Mark Meyer	Wisconsin
David Boyd	Minnesota		

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Martinez at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes and Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the November 18, 2008, meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, were circulated and reviewed. Commissioner Orji Isiogu moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gary Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

President Martinez distributed the treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Kolbeck. The report will be discussed and voted on at the February meeting.

MARC 2009 Annual Meeting:

The MARC 2009 annual meeting will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, Michigan (near Traverse City), June 14-17, 2009. Registration on the new website will be open in February. The proposed theme is "Moving to a Carbonless Economy."

New Business:

President Martinez proposed that MARC continue its tradition of providing a \$1,000 stipend per state commission to attend the MARC annual meeting. A motion was made to approve a \$1,000 stipend per state commission for the annual meeting by Commissioner Lemmie. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MARC by-laws require each state commission to pay an annual membership fee to MARC, however, that fee is traditionally waived by vote. A motion was made by Commissioner Moffet to waive the annual membership fee. Commissioner Reha seconded the motion. The motion passed.



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The dates and location for the annual commissioner-only retreat for 2010 were discussed. Commissioners generally agreed that January 14-16 was a preferable time for the retreat. There was also a discussion regarding the possible host hotels.

President Martinez reported that a special finance committee, comprised of Commissioners Kolbeck, Tanner, Transeth, and O'Brien, would be initiated to provide direction for treasurer duties and financial policies. The commissioners discussed guidance to be given to the special committee and established parameters. The commissioners asked the group to develop a strategy to address the issues that arise from the practice of the position of treasurer rotating every year. A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott to signify support for the goals. Commissioner Lemmie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A proposed conflict of interest policy was circulated for review. The policy was recommended by MARC's auditors. A general discussion was had and it was agreed that any recommended changes would be forwarded to Commissioner Davis prior to the February meeting.

President Martinez reminded Commissioners that NARUC's Anyone Can Serve campaign would be commencing soon.

President's Call for Next Meeting:

President Martinez announced the next MARC meeting would be on February 17, 2009, at 7:00 a.m., at the NARUC meeting in Washington, D.C.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:12 p.m. by Commissioner Meyer. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed.