

MINUTES
MARC WINTER RETREAT
January 10-11, 2003
Menger Hotel
204 Alamo Plaza
San Antonio TX 78205

The following MARC Commissioners were in attendance:

Daryl Bassett	Arkansas	Connie Murray	Missouri
Sandra Hochstetter	Arkansas	Anne Boyle	Nebraska
Mary Frances Squires	Illinois	Tony Clark	North Dakota
David Hadley	Indiana	Leo Reinbold	North Dakota
Judy Ripley	Indiana	Susan Wefald	North Dakota
David Ziegner	Indiana	Judy Jones	Ohio
Diane Munns	Iowa	Bob Anthony	Oklahoma
Elliott Smith	Iowa	Julie Parsley	Texas
Cynthia Claus	Kansas	Brett Perlman	Texas
Brian Moline	Kansas	Ave Bie	Wisconsin
David Svanda	Michigan	Robert Garvin	Wisconsin
Leroy Koppendrayer	Minnesota		

MARC President, Commissioner Anne Boyle called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and a quorum was established.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the November 12, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Commissioner Sandy Hochstetter, presented her report. Net overall assets have increased by approximately \$37,000 which is comprised of approximately \$34,000 in receipts from the 2002 MARC Conference held in Bismarck, ND and approximately \$6000 in investment earnings less approximately \$3000 in current expenses.

An audit of North Dakota's Final report on the 2002 MARC Conference net proceeds has been conducted. Based on the review, it is determined that the Final Report provided by the North Dakota Commission fairly represents the revenues and expenses collected and incurred.

The treasurer's report includes a review of investments and current balances. It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Commissioner Susan Wefald suggested that we consider scholarships for staff for the summer conference. Currently, there are permanent scholarships for the staff of officers which costs approximately \$10,000.

Commissioner Diane Munns suggested that a proposal including costs be brought to the MARC meeting at NARUC in February 2003. President Boyle appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to present options regarding scholarships for staff. The members are Sandy Hochstetter, Susan Wefald and Judy Ripley. It was requested that the proposed options be sent to all MARC Commissioners at least a week before the February meetings.

Update on Nebraska Summer Conference

Commissioner Anne Boyle presented this update. The Conference will take place from June 7-11, 2003 in Omaha, NB at the Doubletree Hotel. Some preconference events scheduled are visit to the Aerospace Museum, a golf tournament on Sunday, a visit to the zoo and a tour of the Western Heritage Museum. There may be an opportunity for a field trip to the Union Pacific Switching Station through which radioactive waste will pass upon the completion of the Yucca Mountain Project.

The program is taking shape as well. James Barr, American Water Works is coming. FCC Commissioner Kopps is invited. Quest President Dick Notebart will give a review of his first year as President.

Looking ahead, Commissioner Ave Bie reported that 2004 MARC Conference will be held in Madison, WI June 13-19, 2004 at the Concourse Hotel.

MARC Website (www.marc-conference.org)

It is recommended that this site is on everyone's search engine. Anne has a complete list of MARC members at her office.

Old Business

None

New Business

- a. Location of next year's retreat. The January meeting should not be in conflict with various state inaugurations and swearing in events. There were several conflicts this year.

It was moved and seconded to have the San Antonio MARC Conference on January 8-10, 2004. Motion passed.

- b. Appointment of Officer's Nominating Committee Susan Wefald will chair the committee with members Anne Boyle and Ave Bie. The committee needs to nominate a secretary for MARC. Also, MARC has the nomination for the next position in the rotation of the chairs in NARUC. Any MARC Commissioner interested in the nomination for secretary or a NARUC chair should notify the committee.
- c. Consideration of Annual \$100 State Membership fee. It was moved and seconded that the fee be waived. Motion passed.
- d. Teleconference/NARUC Meetings. Since state budgets are very tight and fewer Commissioners are traveling it has been suggested that the breakfast meetings a t NARUC meetings be set up for teleconferencing. Anne will look into the logistics and costs and report back at the February meeting.

MISO Discussion: Commissioner Diane Munns, Iowa

There was a lengthy, in depth discussion of the MISO Advisory Process-Role of State Commissions. A discussion regarding the rotation of states in the lead role took place. The rotation at this time is Illinois as lead state in 2003 with Iowa as backup. Wisconsin will be back up in 2004. Diane Munns recommended that the MARC Nominating Committee also include the lead state rotation for MISO. A revised version of the MISO Lead State Role including some suggestions by Illinois will be circulated by Commissioner David Hadley.

There was a discussion regarding the three MSE/RSAC Charts that had been submitted for consideration. A new chart using parts of the submitted charts will be circulated.

Reports from the States

Each state presented highlights of issues/actions taken by their commission during the last year. Questions and lively discussion ensued.

Meeting recessed at 5:00PM

Meeting resumed at 9:05 AM Saturday January 11, 2004

Discussion with NARUC President David Svanda, MI

1. Current issues at NARUC- UNE-P issue with the FCC
2. Changes in the chairs of committees:

Telecommunications Chair- Bob Nelson
ERE Chair-Roy Hemmingway
Administration Chair- Jim Atkins
Consumer Affairs Chair- Carl Wood

Nuclear Waste Chair-Jim Ervin (NC)
Critical Energy Infrastructure Chair- Connie Hughes
Clean Coal Technology Chair-David Hadley
Electricity Chair- vacant
Board of Directors- there are several vacancies

3. Legislation coming up is electricity, nuclear waste appropriations, NGA/DOE funding for MSE/RSAC
4. Grants are being sought for both domestic and international participation
5. FCC triennial review and other telecom legislation including possible wireless legislation.

NARUC Committee Reports

Finance and Technology-Diane Munns The committee needs members -the issues are more important than ever in this new world of regulation/deregulation.

Gas Committee - David Hadley

Electricity Committee-Sandy Hochstetter Issues are market monitoring, MSE/RSAC, PUCHA reform

Telecom Committee - Tony Clark Issues are UNE-P and USF funding.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy A. Jones