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Minutes of the MARC Breakfast Meeting held at the NARUC Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 13th
Anaheim Marriot
700 W. Convention Way
Anaheim, CA 92802

The following MARC Commissioners were in attendance at the meeting:

Charles Box	Illinois	Larry Landis	Indiana
David Ziegner	Indiana	John Norris	Iowa
Thomas Wright	Kansas	Michael Moffet	Kansas
Steven Transeth	Michigan	Leroy Koppendrayer	Minnesota
Phyllis Reha	Minnesota	Thomas Pugh	Minnesota
Dr. David Boyd	Minnesota	Jeff Davis	Missouri
Terry Jarrett	Missouri	Anne Boyle	Nebraska
Tony Clark	North Dakota	Don Mason	Ohio
Paul Centolella	Ohio	Jeff Cloud	Oklahoma
Bob Anthony	Oklahoma	Jim Roth	Oklahoma
Barry Smitherman	Texas	Steve Kolbeck	South Dakota

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Anthony at 7:31am and the presence of a quorum was noted.

Introductions:

The membership recognized the following new commissioners:

Dr. David Boyd, Minnesota; Terry Jarrett, Missouri; Steve Trenton, Michigan; Tom Wright, Kansas.

Announcement of New Officers:

President Anthony announced that former Secretary Jeff Davis of Missouri is now the Treasurer of MARC, and Steve Kolbeck of South Dakota is now the MARC Secretary. Both were appointed by the President per the by-laws of MARC. An opening was created by the resignation of Commissioner Curt Stamp, Iowa.

Minutes and Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the July 17th, 2007 MARC Meeting in New York City was discussed. Seeing no changes needed, a motion by Jeff Davis, Missouri, and seconded by Larry Landis, Indiana was made. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeff Davis, Missouri, reported on finances. He commented the CPA firm has completed the 2006 Audit and Tax Return. The tax return was filed on 11/07/07. President Anthony commented "We are grateful to all who helped get this done despite some changes in MARC officer positions." The audit was completed by Maner, Costerisan, and Ellis, P.C. of 544 Cherbourg Dr, Suite 200, Lansing, Michigan, 48917-5010. Commissioner Davis stated copies are available if requested. Davis also stated that the audit looks good and the books are in transition from Commissioner Monica Martinez of Michigan to Commissioner Davis of Missouri. President Anthony also noted the audit will continue to be completed by Maner, Costerisan, and Ellis, P.C. for 3 consecutive years. This will in effect save MARC money on administration fees.

Motion by Commissioner Jim Roth, Oklahoma, to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Commissioner Anne Boyle, Nebraska. Motion passed.

2007 MARC Minneapolis Conference Report:

Commissioner and former MARC President Phyllis Reha reported that the Minneapolis MARC was a success and that net revenue totaling \$24,489.94 was estimated. To date \$21,364.94 has been collected and \$3,125.00 is yet to be paid. Commissioner Reha stated that this was accomplished with no sponsor money, and approximately 350 people registered for the event. Overall it was a "Successful and good MARC event."

MARC Website:

President Anthony stated that the MARC website is now being hosted by NARUC. The posting of the minutes and other business and information will now flow through Doug Willier at NARUC. This will save MARC money and be a better system for updates.

San Antonio Commissioners Only Event:

President Anthony would like commissioners to remember 4 things about San Antonio:

1. The President has made a "Call" for the next meeting to be on January 4, 2008.
2. The event will be held on January 3-5, 2008 at The Hotel Contessa (www.thehotelcontessa.com), San Antonio, TX.
3. Hotel room reservations: 866-435-0900 or 210-229-9222 (Please book Saturday night ASAP)
4. Registration for Commissioner's faxing a form to the Oklahoma Commission deadline is Dec. 10th, 2007. Fax number is 405-521-4532, The Oklahoma Commission's phone number is 405-521-2261, or email marc@occemail.com.

Commissioner Tony Clark, North Dakota, asked about an agenda for the meeting in San Antonio. President Anthony stated that the welcome reception will be held on Thursday evening, January 3, 2008, and the official meeting will start on Friday morning the 4th of January 2008. The conclusion will be at noon on Saturday the 5th of January 2008. President Anthony mentioned he would like all commissioners to come up with 2 topics to talk about at the meetings and encouraged commissioners to respond.

Oklahoma City 2008 MARC Annual Meeting, Skirvin Hilton Hotel:

President Anthony stated he would like commissioners to remember four things:

- a. June 14-18, 2008 will be a Family Friendly event please see list of Activities and Field Trips on the website.
- b. www.MARC2008OK.com is the official website and contains lots of Commissioner and CLE opportunities.
- c. Commissioners must make reservations **early** for the \$129 hotel government rate. Commissioners can make room reservations at www.MARC2008OK.com/hotel.
- d. YTD Financial Report of the Oklahoma MARC event is \$15,000 (seed money) – \$7,386.21 (expenses) = \$7,613.79 (remaining).

President Anthony explained the Oklahoma event will be marketed to industry after commissioners have registered. The idea is to get commissioners registered early and then entice industry with a large list of commissioners who will be in attendance. This will help raise money and promote MARC by drawing larger crowds to Oklahoma for the annual meeting. His daughter Elizabeth who operates www.reelclassics.com has been retained to build MARC2008OK.com with an on-line registration capability. Commissioner Jim Roth, Oklahoma, gave a short rundown of the events being planned and encouraged everyone to attend. He made a special mention of the Oklahoma Federal Building Memorial. He stated it is a spectacular memorial and a very emotional one for Oklahomans.

New Business:

Commissioner Anne Boyle, Nebraska, stated it needs to be considered by executive officers to move the dates of MARC events off of holidays and other special days such as Fathers Day. It is her feelings, and that of others, that this inhibits participation for Commissioners and also industry professionals. She made a note that the NARUC meeting we were attending was held on Veterans Day. She felt that with the few holidays in the utility fields, we should not hold meetings on these days.

Scott Hempling gave a short speech on the advantages of NRRI (National Regulatory Research Institute). He gave a hand out containing NRRI's mission and encouraged all members to use NRRI's services to the greatest extent.

A representative was also on hand to promote New Mexico State's Center for Public Utilities "Santa Fe Conference." It will be held on March 16th- 19th, 2008.

The website for the event can be viewed at [HTTP://CPU.NMSU.EDU](http://CPU.NMSU.EDU).

End of Meeting:

Having no further business a motion by Commissioner Barry Smitherman, Texas, and seconded by all was introduced. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 am.