

MID-AMERICA REGULATORY CONFERENCE  
Business Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2004  
Renaissance Washington Hotel  
Washington D.C.

The following MARC Commissioners were in attendance:

Sandy Hochstetter	Arkansas	Anne Boyle	Nebraska
Kevin Wright	Illinois	Gerald Vap	Nebraska
David Hadley	Indiana	Susan Wefald	North Dakota
Larry Landis	Indiana	Judy Jones	Ohio
Bill McCarty	Indiana	Denise Bode	Oklahoma
Judy Ripley	Indiana	Jim Burg	South Dakota
David Ziegner	Indiana	Gary Hanson	South Dakota
Diane Munns	Iowa	Bob Sahr	South Dakota
Laura Chappelle	Michigan	Ave M. Bie	Wisconsin
Bob Nelson	Michigan	Burnie Bridge	Wisconsin
Marshall Johnson	Minnesota		
LeRoy Koppendrayer	Minnesota		
Ken Nickolai	Minnesota		
Phyllis Reha	Minnesota		
Connie Murray	Missouri		

MARC President, Commissioner Ave M. Bie called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. and a quorum was established. MARC members introduced themselves.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the January 9-10, 2004 meeting were distributed by MARC Secretary, Commissioner Phyllis Reha and were approved by voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Commissioner Judy Jones presented the Treasurer's Report for the period January 1, 2004 to February 29, 2004. Overall net assets have decreased for the two month period by approximately \$19,780. For the two month period, MARC incurred expenses totaling \$22,133.75, which included \$20,825.75 in expenses relating to the January San Antonio meeting. The sum of \$1,585.72 was transferred to Arkansas to be used as seed money for the 2005 Little Rock meeting, this amount to be added to the existing \$13,414.28 for a total of \$15,000. It was reported that the accounting firm of Pritchett, Dlusky, Saxe & Keller, LTD has been engaged to perform the annual review of MARC's financial statements, as well as to prepare the 2003 federal taxes. The Treasurer's Report was approved by voice vote.

## **MARC Summer Conference Update**

President Ave Bie provided an update of the 2004 MARC Summer Conference in Madison, Wisconsin for June 13-16. President Bie described several of the Saturday and Sunday activities planned for attendees and their families. In collaboration with NARUC, the activities and agenda will appear on the NARUC and MARC web-sites. Participants were urged to register for the conference on-line.

## **Old Business**

With respect to the on-going dispute with the hotel following the 2003 MARC Conference in Omaha, it was reported that Commissioner Elliott Smith has researched Iowa Law regarding potential litigation issues since MARC is incorporated in the State of Iowa. It was pointed out that we needed additional documentation for the annual audit. A suggestion was made that we need to develop a protocol for the annual audits as MARC leadership moves from state to state each year. It was further reported that the total receipts for the 2003 MARC conference was \$135,175.79 with a net profit of \$26,781.65. All accounts were closed on January 22, 2004 with a balance of \$481.65.

With respect to the San Antonio MARC meeting, it was reported that 23 Commissioners attended for a total expenditure of approximately \$11,468.00.

It was also reported that MARC made a contribution to the memorial trust fund of Mary Forbis as a memorial to Commissioner Forbis.

## **New Business**

It was reported that the MARC Executive Committee met with Ray Lawton of NRRI to discuss the dates of the NRRI sponsored Commissioners Summit for 2005. The Executive Committee expressed its desire that the dates of MARC's January meeting in San Antonio not conflict with the 2005 Commissioners Summit. MARC will hold its winter meeting on January 6-8, 2005. NRRI is considering its Commissioners Summit for January 17-20 or February 11-15, 2005. Ray Lawton will provide feedback about the dates of the Summit to Commissioner Sandy Hochstetter within a month.

Commissioner Bob Nelson provided an update of important telecommunications issues including NARUC's support of an appeal of the Court's decision in the Triennial Review.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 a.m.