

**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL COURT REPORTERS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Howell, MI  
Saturday, April 27, 2013

CALL TO ORDER  
5:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Anissa Nierenberger, President; Dawn Houghton, Secretary-Treasurer; Cheryl Anne Farmer, Executive Assistant; Tammy Nielson, Director; Laurel Jacoby, Director; Annette Blough, Director; Robert Smith, Director; Elsa Jorgensen, Director.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Thank you to everyone for the help with the seminar and thank you to Annette and Elsa for presenting at the seminar.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Reading and approval of Minutes from January 26, 2013 – Annette made a motion to approve the minutes; Laurel seconded. Motion passed.

1, 3 and 8 were pulled for the consent agenda. Elsa made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Rob seconded. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Convention/Seminar (Dexter, Jorgensen)  
Cheryl Anne pulled. Cheryl Anne has the contract for 2014 for the Sheraton Ann Arbor. They have done a complete renovation and it's a beautiful hotel. We were quoted \$139, but Cheryl Anne got them down to \$119. She will forward it on after looking it over. The Sheraton is located across from the mall.
2. Executive Director's Report (Farmer): Approved.
3. Fundraising (Jorgensen, Jacoby) – Laurel pulled. Laurel asked where we were for the walk. Elsa emailed but they are not a responsive group. Cheryl Anne indicated last year we broke even; people signed up but didn't show. We lost money on the t-shirts. We need to figure out a way to make it focused as a fundraising. Cheryl Anne indicated it is good philanthropy for MAPCR but not necessarily a fundraiser. The walk is set for May in Kensington. We had a MAPCR page for the walking group. An email was sent out to donate. CART providers may want to use it for exposure, a Walk for Hearing. Cheryl Anne can put it in the next MAPCR Minute. We decided it would be better to help Paul beef up the golf outing. This is our Golf Outing's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.
4. Membership (Nierenberger, Smith) - Approved.

5. Public Relations (Dexter, Nierenberger) - Approved.
6. Freelance/Official (Jacoby, Smith) - Approved.
7. Captioning/CART (Blough, Nielsen) - Approved.
8. Legislative (Brandell) - Elsa pulled. Mindy wanted to know if we were getting the okay to go to the leadership conference. We decided to send two. Elsa and her sisters are taking their dad to Norway so Elsa may not be able to go but Mindy can. Anissa asked Mindy to go to NICSA. Anissa is not going to Nashville because her son was accepted in an aviation placement camp. Rob asked about the complaint that was filed that MAPCR was asked to respond to. Mindy indicated she handled it. MAPCR hasn't heard anything back. We will ask Mindy if she heard back.
9. Testing/Education (Kandt, Blough, Smith) - Approved.
10. MAPCR Minute – Approved.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Past Presidents Advisory Council (Brandell) - Paul is not present to give a report.
2. Awards Committee (Perrish, Dexter, Hanson) – Nothing to report.
3. Audit/Finance (Houghton, Nielsen)  
Cheryl Anne indicated finances are looking good, close to making budget. In regards to membership, people are delaying renewing. We had some new members join recently who came to the seminar. There was good feedback on the technology in the seminar.
4. Bylaws/Procedures (Kandt) - Nothing to report.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Golf Outing (Brandell, Hanson)  
Anything we can get to donate for the outing, send to Paul. Elsa's cousin works at Carl's Golf Land. She has secured donations. Golf Outing is on Friday, June 28 at Hawk Hollow - \$100 per golfer.
2. Historian (Brandell) - Nothing to report.
3. Website (Farmer, Houghton) - Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS and GENERAL ORDERS – None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting is the week before the golf outing which will be held telephonically. Anissa questioned where we are with TRAIN. Mindy asked for who filled out the form. Cheryl Anne emailed the information to Mindy. We will put TRAIN in the MAPCR minute. We need to have

someone head it up. A long-time reporter said they missed carrying the MAPCR newsletter around, but the cost to produce is prohibitive. Laurel is willing to volunteer to help but not head up TRAIN. Maybe we can set up a central location instead of regional. All the information about conducting TRAIN is on the NCRA website, YouTube videos for the program.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Elsa made a motion to adjourn; Annette seconded; motion passed.

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.