

**APA Executive Board Meeting  
May 11, 2010**

**Call to Order**

2:14 pm

**Members Present**

- Nick Bourland
- Jean Chisnell
- Ramiro Gonzales
- Ann Hancock
- Maurice Koffman
- Sean Leahy (by phone)
- Vivian Leung
- Sharon Nichols
- Debra Porter
- Cynthia Schneider
- Leo Sell
- Vikki Tormala
- Rachel Zakhem

**Members Absent**

None

**Approval of Agenda**

Item D was added

- Motion: To approve agenda.
  - Moved by Rachel, seconded by Deb
  - Passed unanimously, the agenda was approved

**Approval of Minutes**

- Motion: To approve the minutes.
  - Moved by Deb, seconded by Vivian
  - Passed unanimously, the minutes were approved

**President's Report**

A written report was presented

- Maury has dealt with members about various contract issues
- MEA lobbyist Don Noble was at our last lunch informational session on May 5
- Sam Singh is running for the MSU Board of Trustees
- Committee appointments will be taken care of at the June meeting

**Elections**

- Sean attended this portion of the meeting by phone

Meeting was turned over to Cynthia for election of the Chair

Position of the Chair

- Nominations
  - Maury (nominated by Deb)
- Motion: To elect Maury by acclamation.
  - Moved by Leo, seconded by Nick
  - Passed unanimously, Maury was re-elected as the Chair

Meeting was turned over to Maury for election of the other officers

Position of Vice Chair

- Nominations
  - Cynthia (nominated by Rachel)
- Motion: To elect Cynthia by acclamation.
  - Moved by Leo, seconded by Ramiro
  - Passed unanimously, Cynthia was re-elected as the Vice Chair

Position of Treasurer

- Nominations
  - Sean (nominated by Nick)
  - Sharon (nominated by Deb)
- Due to 2 candidates, secret ballots will be cast
- Motion: To suspend the rules and allow Sean to cast a ballot by phone
  - Moved by Leo, seconded by Cynthia
  - Passed unanimously, Sean will be allowed to vote by phone
- Candidate comments on why they would like to be Treasurer
- Sean voted for Sean, all others cast secret ballots
- Maury and Nick counted the votes
  - Results
    - Sharon - 6 votes
    - Sean - 6 votes
    - One abstention
- Board will need to vote again
- Second vote will be held until after the election of the Secretary

Position of Secretary

- Nominations
  - Rachel (nominated by Cynthia)
- Motion: To elect Rachel by acclamation.
  - Moved by Leo, seconded by Ramiro
  - Passed unanimously, Rachel was re-elected as the Secretary

#### Position of Treasurer (continued)

- Sharon would like to remove her name from consideration
- Motion: To accept Sharon's withdrawal.
  - Moved by Leo, seconded by Nick
  - Passed with one no vote and one abstention, Sharon's name was removed
- Motion: To elect Sean by acclamation.
  - Moved by Leo, seconded by Nick
  - Passed with one abstention, Sean was elected as the Treasurer

#### **Appointment of Area Reps**

Maury recommends that we re-appoint the following individuals:

- Nick Bourland
  - Jean Chisnell
  - Larry Farmer
  - Deborah Sudduth Garland
  - Ramiro Gonzales
  - Sean Leahy
  - Aaron Ledger
  - Vivian Leung
  - Deb Porter
  - Leo Sell
  - Vikki Tormala
  - Timo Vasquez
  - Rachel Zakhem
- Motion: To appoint ARs as listed by Maury by concurrence.
    - Moved by Ramiro
    - Passed unanimously, the above listed individuals were appointed as Area Reps

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- A written report was submitted by Sharon
- Motion: To add a line to reflect other income, including grants, as a sub portion of training and then to move our expenditures for training to that line (titled grant funded training)
  - Moved by Vivian, seconded by Ramiro
  - Passed unanimously, report was modified

#### **Committee Reports**

- C and B Ad Hoc Committee
  - Met once to go over Constitution and Bylaws
  - Identified some key issues to look at further
- Communications Committee
  - Noon sessions are still going well
    - Getting repeat members as well as new members at the sessions
  - Concern over new member orientation

- We would like to be getting more of the new members
- We get about 10-12 per session right now
- The committee would like to get some picket signs with banners
  - Cynthia can get us some preliminary mock ups
- AR program will be continually looked at
- Legislative Committee
  - Will meet with local legislators on the 20th of May at 4:30 pm at the Radisson

### **Member Concerns and Comments**

- Parking issue in Grand Rapids and at DMC
  - CTU, APSA and APA will be meeting to discuss the situation
- Printing Services

### **Business Items**

- RA review
  - The RA included a walk to the capitol that received a good amount of press
    - Attendees also distributed post cards to the legislators while there
  - Dues were raised
    - The annual cap amount was increased by \$10 per year
    - The board will continue having discussions to address the impact of the cap increase on the APA
- Open Enrollment questions and concerns
  - Not too many questions on this
  - International travelers could have to pay and then be reimbursed
    - If this becomes a big problem, the board needs to know
- CLO meeting
  - Discussed the impact of post retirement health care situation
- On May 24th there is an MEA rally on funding for public education at 4:00 pm at LCC
  - We are hoping to have all of the local legislators there
  - We would like to see APA members go to get more visibility for MSU/Higher Ed
- Meeting schedule for 2010-2011
  - Second Tuesday of every month unless noted
  - June 15, 2010
  - July 13, 2010
  - August 17, 2010

### **Announcements**

- Ann Hancock is retiring from MSU
  - Her last meeting will be the June meeting
- We will be adding an FAQ link on our website
- We will be adding Google Analytics to our website to monitor and improve it

### **Executive Session**

- Motion: To move into Executive Session.
  - Moved by Vikki, seconded by Vivian
  - Passed unanimously

- 4:11 pm into Executive Session
- Motion: To rise and report.
  - Moved by Nick, seconded by Vikki
  - Passed unanimously
- 5:06 p.m. out of Executive Session
- Report
  - Bargaining updates were discussed

### **Adjournment**

- Motion: To adjourn.
  - Moved by Ramiro, seconded by Rachel
  - Passed unanimously, meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Submitted by Rachel Zakhem, APA Secretary