

WCMEA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2023

Chula Vista Resort- Wisconsin Dells

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by PJ Schoebel (on behalf of President Dr. Agnieszka Rogalska) at 1254 hours.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 18, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING: Minutes reviewed and discussed. Motion from the floor to approve minutes. Heather Pitts (Dodge County) seconds. No discussion. Motion passes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Agnieszka Rogalska is absent. PJ Schoebel reports on her behalf. He reiterates her message from this morning at the welcome. He acknowledges that the BOD has not met the time restrictions outlined by the WCMEA bylaws for elections this year, and explains that the timelines are getting back on track. Further reporting is deferred to Legislative committee.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Crystal Schaub reports that she has been working on the conference planning, and is pleased at the membership and vendor turn out.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Brooke Kaat is absent. PJ Schoebel reports on her behalf, indicating that the 2023-2024 membership year will begin 7/1, and Brooke will be reaching out to C/ME offices regarding membership applications/renewals.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jen Schroeter defers to Education and Newsletter Committees.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rory Groessl reports that the WCMEA made money at the last conference. He explains that the numbers for this conference are not in, explaining that the invoices from this conference will be processed and paid in the weeks to come. He reports that aside from miscellaneous bills (i.e. website expenses, conference supplies, liability insurance, etc.) there have been no major purchases or expenses. He reports that the WCMEA is doing well financially. He expresses his gratitude to the vendors for their generous sponsorship this conference.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Joe Morovits has nothing to report. Defers to merchandise committee report.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE REPORT: Tom Renz is absent, and provided nothing to report.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. P. Douglas Kelley is absent, and provided nothing to report.

3-YEAR TRUSTEE REPORT: PJ Schoebel defers to Legislative Committee.

2-YEAR TRUSTEE REPORT: Lynn Johnson reports that he has been working on the WCMEA newsletter.

1-YEAR TRUSTEE REPORT: Marcie Rosas has nothing to report.

OFFICER REPORTS: Curt Green (Manitowoc County) makes motion to accept officer reports. There is a second from the floor. There is no further discussion. Motion passes.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: PJ Schoebel reports that he has been working with the other members of the legislative committee including Dr. Kelley, Dr. Rogalska and Scott Rifleman. He explains that for the last six months, the committee has been monitoring legislation that would potentially regulate the issuance of cremation permits. He explains that the legislation has not yet been proposed or introduced as a bill; however, they will continue to monitor and provide information to the membership as it becomes available.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: PJ Schoebel reports that Barry continues to serve on the website committee. He encourages that anyone with comments or concerns regarding the website reach out to any member of the BOD.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Jen Schroeter reports that she has been working with committee members Lynn Johnson and Katy Luedtke on the newsletter issues.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Crystal Schaub has nothing to report. Jen Schroeter thanks Crystal for her hard work on putting together this conference.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE: Joe Morovits reports that new merchandise this conference included the sweatpants and T-shirts. He encourages the membership to shop the merchandise and thanks his wife, Arlene, for her assistance in managing the booth/table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There is a motion from the floor to accept committee reports. Faye Aschenbach (Sheboygan County) seconds. There is no further discussion. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS: The BOD explains to the membership that pre-COVID the BOD had been working on making changes to the WCMEA Bylaws beyond the term length language that has already been approved. Now that we are getting back into a normal rhythm with conferences, the BOD will once again revisit the Bylaws and provide updates to the membership.

NEW BUSINESS: 2024! Any ideas for conference venues or presentation topics welcomed.

ADJOURN: Nichol Tesch (Jefferson County) makes a motion to adjourn. Heather Pitts (Dodge County) seconds. There is no further discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Schroeter

WCMEA Secretary