



Maine Welfare Directors Association
Local Government Center • 60 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330

MWDA Executive Board Meeting

January 15, 2021 – 9:30 AM – Remote Access - Zoom

Roll call: Harrison Deah, Rindy Fogler, Denise Murray, Scott Tilton, Jay Feyler, Stacey Parra, Kristen Barth, Ryan Gorneau and Melissa White (MMA).

Absent, excused: KaTina Howes and Joyce Pratt

It was determined there was a quorum of at least 5 to conduct business.

President Rindy Fogler called the meeting to order at 9:34 am

Welcome new board member Ryan Gorneau and introduction of the Board.

1: Approval of November 17, 2020 minutes

Motion made by Stacey Parra seconded by Harrison Deah , all approved the November 17, 2020 meeting minutes with one correction.

2: Intro to GA webinar –

Review of Agenda and discussion of the webinar functions. The presenters have a practice session scheduled after the board meeting with Melissa.

3: Spring Seminar

Date - April 27th, via Zoom 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost \$40.00 per member/\$80.00 non-member

Open registration by March 16 and no later than March 30.

Agenda discussion

Proposed agenda

Overview of Reimbursement, IAR – Robin Reed DHHS. Denise will contact Robin to determine if she is available and willing to present. Denise noted she would be comfortable speaking on the topic if Robin is unavailable. Proposed only needing 15 to 30 minutes for this session.

Working with Difficult people – Jay will email Abby DiPasquale at MMA to determine if she is available and willing to present.

Burials – Kristen Barth – 1 hour

Lump Sum – Ryan Gorneau

Disconnects and Evictions – Harrison Deah & Stacey Parra

Advanced Fact Pattern – Jay Feyler & Rindy Fogler

Jay noted he could provide a Legislative update if there are any.

Annual Meeting & Election – 15 min

Welfare Director of the Year Presentation – 15 min

Lunch break – 30 minutes

Other -

Mail certification certificates at this time as it's not known when another in person class will happen
Begin solicitation for Welfare Director of the year and determine how that process will go this year with the Seminar being held virtually.

MWDA will provide the same amount of scholarship opportunities as with the in person conference.

4: Review meeting & Training schedule

Review and discussion of pending dates, there were no updates made. This will be reviewed again at the March 5th Professional Development committee meeting.

4: Other Business

- Newsletter

Harrison advised the solicitation for newsletter articles has been sent out. Discussion of possible topics, trends. He encouraged all to submit at least one article by February 15th. Rindy offered to assist with content.

- Budget

Rindy and Melissa provided an overview of the recent budget discussion items with KaTina to the group. There is a question of why the finance committee needs to meet in September to review the budget as per the Administrative Guide. There was discussion and historical knowledge provided by Stacey. The discussion was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting with KaTina present.

The budget was reviewed. There was discussion of moving half of the programs and facilities expenditure to the website due to it being likely the September workshops will be held virtually.

Motion made by Rindy Fogler to move \$2,000.00 from the programs and facilities expenditure line item to the website expenditure line item to begin to work on the MWDA website upgrades, seconded by Jay Feyler, all approved.

Motion made by Jay Feyler to accept the proposed budget with the above amendment, seconded by Stacey Parra, all approved.

Motion made by Stacey Parra, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ryan Gorneau, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.