



Maine Welfare Directors Association

Local Government Center • 60 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330-9486

MWDA Meeting Agenda

November 15, 2023 – 1:30 p.m. – Zoom

1. Roll Call

Roll Call: Deb Crocker, Stacey Parra, Jay Feyler, Ryan Gorneau, Harrison Deah, Denise Murray

Absent: Ellen Moore, Jane Maynard, Melissa Albert

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

1. New business

- New Member Appointment – Katie Wilcox, Town of Scarborough

A candidate was presented to the board for consideration to fill the vacant general Director's role on the board. Katie Wilcox is a Social Services Coordinator for the Town of Scarborough and is an MWDA member. Katie has expressed interest in joining the board and has had conversations with both Ryan and Harrison to learn more about the role and the trainings that MWDA conducts.

There was discussion among the board and a consensus was reached to have Katie Wilcox join the board.

Motion to appoint Katie Wilcox for the open Director's position for the remainder of the term was made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Ryan Gorneau. All approved.

- Executive Board/Trainer Mileage/Tolls for Spring Seminar/Trainings (not just board meetings and legislation)

By-Laws:

Determination of reasonable and necessary expenses for Board Members is at the discretion of the Finance Review Committee and may include the cost of the spring seminar (one person), cost of the MMA convention (one person), and mileage reimbursement, meals and toll-call charges incurred in fulfilling duties of office, including board meetings, legislative hearings, etc. The total sum to be allocated will be reviewed each year and adjusted by vote of the Executive Board as deemed appropriate.

Stacey Parra explained that that there is not currently a mileage reimbursement plan for executive board's travel to present at training events in the by-laws.

Motion to reimburse trainers for mileage and tolls for MWDA trainings events and Spring Seminar was made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Harrison Deah. All approved.

- List Serve Access Discussion

Guide:

Section 4. Honorary Membership shall be open to those persons who are former General Assistance Administrators or persons whose work/efforts on behalf of the Association should be recognized. All Honorary members will be approved by the membership, but will not have voting privileges. The Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”) General Assistance Program Manager, DHHS General Assistance Field Examiner(s) II, and the Maine Municipal Association employee (who serves General Assistance) shall be Honorary Members.

There was conversation as to whether DHHS employees that are Honorary Members according to the guide should receive access to the listserv to contribute to conversations on current issues and topics.

Motion was made to remove employees of DHHS from the list serv by Jay Feyler, seconded by Stacey Parra. All approved.

Adjournment

Educational Services is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MWDA Executive Board Meeting 11.15.23

Time: Nov 15, 2023 01:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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