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**MAINE WELFARE DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 19, 2009  
MMA - Augusta**

**Present:** Dot Meagher, Shawn Yardley, Stacey Parra, Vicky Edgerly, Sue Charron, Mary Frances Bartlett, Darryl McKenney, Linda Fossa, Joan Kiszely.

**Absent:** Maurice Geoffrey, Rene Daniels

**Guests:** Cindy Boyd, Kate Dufour

1. **Call to Order:** President Dot Meagher called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.
2. **Approval of November 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Darryl Mckenney, all approved the November 14, 2008 minutes.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Linda Fossa reported on the December and January financials, which will be approved at the May membership meeting.

5. **Old Business:**

Stacey Parra noted she will have the Scholarship Policy, Instructor's Policy and Certification Policy finalized for the next meeting.

**By-Laws:** There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed by-law changes and when the amendments should be presented. It was noted that if we do the amendment by substitution in May we should be all set. This doesn't change clarification. It was requested that we email the proposed changes with the email of the Spring Convention brochure. They will present it in May on day one and vote on it on day two.

**Meetings:** There was a brief discussion on the scheduling of meetings. Vicky Edgerly noted that we need to look at possibly dissolving MWDA, because no one is coming forward to be on the board. The President and Stacey Parra noted they are not ready at this time to dissolve the board.

6. **New Business:**

- **Update on Membership Brochure:** There was a discussion on the dues structure. Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Linda Fossa, all approved that the first member from the city or town pay \$30.00 and additional people from the city or town pay \$15.00. This change will happen for the 2009-2010 dues renewal. This is for only regular members not associate members.

**Listserv:** Brief discussion in regards to the listserv and possibly opening the listserv up to the entire membership.

**Newsletter:** Shawn Yardley offered to work with Stacey Parra to publish a newsletter. Brief discussion on what articles can be printed in the newsletter.

**Blog:** This will be taken out.

**Training:** Brief discussion on changing and adding wording under this paragraph.

MWDA membership benefits include reduced fees for trainings, seminars and conferences (move to top without heading).

Immediately following will be training.

MWDA offers training in statutes, regulations & DHHS policy throughout the year in conjunction with DHHS.

Certification: Brief discussion on changes.

- **Discussion of the Legislation** – Vicky Edgerly and Shawn Yardley reported.
- **Kate Dufour – Legislative Update on the following:**
  - LD 254, LD 321, LD 553, LD 576, LD 1029, LR 642. See Kate Dufour’s report on MWDA Website. There was a lengthy discussion on the LD’s. It was suggested that we might do a session at the Spring Training on property abatement. Vicky Edgerly requested that Shawn Yardley type up what he supports.
  - MWDA recommendations are:**
    - LD 254 – MWDA wants to be invited to every work session. Public Hearing is March 31<sup>st</sup>, and the work session is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Do not understand what all the specifics are and they need better clarification. Oppose the caps and residency, but need clarification on other specifics. Not for or against at this time.
    - LD 321 – Same issue as LD 254. Oppose because it is unconstitutional. They understand the intention.
    - LD 553 –
    - LD 576- Work session is March 24<sup>th</sup>.
    - LD 1029- Work session is March 30<sup>th</sup>. Vicky Edgerly will prepare something for this.
    - LR 642-
- **Financial Records:** Linda Fossa asked if she needed to keep all her past financial records. It was recommended that she keep the current and the previous year’s records, otherwise she could discard the past records.
- **Proposed Slate of Officers for 2009-2010:**
  - Recommendations:
    - President: Dot Meagher
    - Vice President: Stacey Parra
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Cheryl Johnson
    - Treasurer: Linda Fossa
    - Secretary: Michael Fryesinger
    - Immediate Past President: Vicky Edgerly
    - Past President: Darryl McKenney
    - Directors: Sue Charron
      - Shawn Yarley
      - Mary Frances Bartlett

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7. **Other Business:**

There was a brief discussion on fraud cases.

**Certification Change:** We need to review the by-laws and the certification forms to be sure they are consistent with what we are proposing on the draft membership form.

8. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Linda Fossa, all approved, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.