



Mississippi River Parkway Commission  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 12, 2019 (draft)

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**Participants:**

- Terri McCullough– Pilot
- Anne Lewis – Pilot Pro Tem
- Karl Samp - Pilot Emeritus
- Martin Graber-(IA-MRPC)
- Joe St. Columbia – (AR-MRPC)
- Sherry Quamme – (WI-MRPC)
- Norma Pruitt Secretary & Marketing
- Holly Cain – Treasurer
- Greg Pruitt (KY MRPC Proxy)
- Derick Biglane (MS-MRPC)
- Dave Senjem (MN-MRPC)
- Pat Audirsch – Culture and Heritage
- Nani Bhowmik – (IL- MRPC Proxy) & ERA
- Carol Zoff – Transportation
- Susanne Barnet – National Office

Pilot called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

- **Past Meeting Minutes from 4/3/19** - Motion to approve by WI. Second by Pilot Pro Tem. Motion carried.
- **Financial Report as of 4/3/19.** – KY made a motion to approve financial reports and for Anne, Holly and Susanne to discuss to revising the AR report to include when invoices are sent with action notes. Second by AR. Motion carried.
- **State Participation Plan**–Pilot shared that IL chair, Craig Mitkes would appreciate leaving chair position but feels stress of river in IL with new state reorganization makes for bad timing and as a result he will remain chair. IL is still hoping to have meeting with state. Pilot continued that she called IA chair Martin Graber and asked that they invite MO to their next state meeting in southern IA. AR is inviting southern MO to their August meeting in Wilson.
- **CMP** – Carol is leading a task force that has met by teleconference several times since the semi-annual meeting and broke the CMP into smaller tasks. There’s a summary of those tasks in the board packet. Basically, we’re looking to simplify the next steps and how it will be applied. The hope is to manage and provide information to visitors and engage with our states.
- **Annual Meeting in LaCrossse** – WI Chair Sherry Quamme shared highlights of the upcoming annual meeting agenda, including an update on the national scenic byway legislation, an infrastructure update with the WI Department of Transportation and sessions on working with federal agencies as well as working with local government.
- **Request for Endowment Funds** – Pilot shared the desire to request funds from the MRPC endowment earnings to be used to bring in a speaker from the National Scenic Byway Foundation who can provide a legislative update to us. Since this is an all-volunteer organization and travel expenses would be incurred, additional funds will be needed to cover these costs. Pilot Emeritus requested information on the agency fund and our access to the funds. National office will follow up with MJ Smith. A motion to request the funds from the endowment earnings was made by Pilot Pro Tem and second by WI. Motion approved. Additionally, Pilot requested that the Endowment

Foundation Committee schedule a future meeting. Bylaws indicate this is chaired by the Pilot Pro Tem.

- **Partnerships**– Pilot is requesting a process for considering partnerships. Our bylaws as well as our CMP address this but we might identify other potential partners. Pilot requested a task force comprised of the executive committee to look at the partnership process and develop recommendations for criteria that would be presented to the board in spring of 2020 with an interim report at the December 2019 board meeting.
- **MRC Grant** –National office provided an update on the grant submission from earlier this summer noting that award recipient will not be notified until the end of 2019 or early 2020. MRPC would benefit from this grant by way of additional promotion.
- **Stewardship Award** –Nani Bohmik on behalf of the ERA Committee recommended Angie Yu from KY receive the 2019 Stewardship Award for her work at Two Rivers Fisheries, an Asian Carp processing plant. Motion by KY and second by IA. Motion approved.
- **Committee Updates** – Culture and Heritage reported that 39 of 50 interpretive centers reviewed do not link to our website. This should be checked and discussed during annual visits. We'll have a joint conversation of this soon. Marketing indicated that they're wrapping up the first promotion that focused on food with much shared content. Transportation is looking to resolve the approach and focus on setting up communication now that a direction has been set for the CMP. ERA is pleased with their award nominee.
- **Other Business** – There was a moment of silence to recognize past pilot, Don Frerichs, from MN, who passed away earlier this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23am.