



MRPC Board of Directors Meeting

Winona, MN (during 2024 MRPC Annual Meeting)

9-18-24 MINUTES

Attendance:

- Norma Pruitt - Pilot, KY
- John Anfinson - Pilot Pro Tem, Culture and Heritage, MN
- Holly Cain - Secretary, IL
- Derrick Biglane - MS (Zoom)
- Anne Lewis - Pilot Emeritus, MN
- Martin Graber - IA
- Edmond MsDavis - TN
- Sherry Quamme - WI
- Terri McCullough - AR proxy
- Karin Housley - MN
- Greg Pruitt - KY proxy
- Mark Kross - MO
- Francis Schelfhount - Transportation
- Sabrina Chandler - ERA
- Pat Audirsh - Culture and Heritage
- Jon Young - KY (guest)
- Leah DiPietro - AR (guest)
- Peter Macdonagh - MN (guest)
- Susanne Thiede-Barnet - National Office

The Pilot called the meeting to order at 2:45pm.

- The Pilot asked if all reviewed the minutes of June 14, 2024. WI made a motion for approval of the minutes. IA seconded. Motion approved.
- The Pilot announced that the FHWA NSB program grant announcement was made earlier in the week. Pilot Emeritus asked about dusting off the previous grant application. Pilot indicated that an application focused on a new app and website will be drafted by the national office and that Mike McClanhan with the Tennessee Department of Transportation offered to submit the application on behalf of the 10 states. AR made a motion to apply for the NSB grant on behalf of the 10 states. TN seconded. Pilot noted that Mike indicated it would be important for all 10 states to provide letters of

congressional support.

- WI asked about the status of MO and stated that a former WI DOT Secretary has a contact in MO that he provided so we can look to them for support. The Pilot suggested a conversation with Erin Holmes in Missouri with mention of a grant to benefit all 10 states and acknowledged that MODOT needs to be a part of it.
- The treasurer presented the financial report. WI questioned the aging report showing an amount due from Iowa. The national office and treasurer indicated that it was a pass through expense for the interpretive center signage. Iowa indicated that the expense was \$241.36 more than the cost estimate provided. Pilot suggested a follow up discussion with Iowa to discuss the situation. Pilot Emeritus commented that the fulfillment numbers are down so less postage is used but enewsletter subscribers are increasing so we are paying more to maintain our subscription list. Iowa commented that Ameriprise reporting should be online. The national office will request online access instead of printed quarterly reports. The Pilot asked us to consider what we want to do with the holdings in the future? A motion for approval of the financial report was made by the Treasurer. AR seconded. Motion approved.
- The Pilot mentioned that MRCTI and possibly NCEL are co-locating in LaCrosse, WI 16-18 September in 2025. Pilot Emeritus's recommendation is to keep the 2025 fall annual meeting in person and look to schedule an online education meeting in spring. Committees are meeting quarterly or more. We can continue one in person meeting per year and schedule 2-3 years out. WI offered to host next year if the board is interested. WI indicated that she would seek approval from her commission. The national office indicated they would check with LA for 2025 since they were already asked to host. If LA is unavailable, MRPC will look to co-locate with MRCTI in LaCrosse in 2025. AR indicated they would seek approval for 2026 and IA offered to host in 2027.