

MACD State Council Meeting

Shanty Creek Resort
Bellaire, MI
November 1 and 3, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Approved

Wednesday, November 1

State Council Meeting Welcome Pelon

The meeting was called to order by Art Pelon, President at 8:10am

In attendance: Art Pelon, Randy Gentz, Larry Nowak, Howard Haulotte, Larry Thompson, Nancy Szikszay, John Mitchell, Gerald Miller, Paul Schroeder, Jane Bishop and Lori Phalen. Several guests also in attendance.

Convention Overview and State Council Responsibilities Phalen

Phalen overviewed member responsibilities during the event.

MACD Annual Meeting Pelon

Pelon reviewed the Annual Meeting agenda.

Late Resolutions Pelon

Szikszay motioned, support by Thompson to accept the late resolution, with willingness to update the language to include CRP. AYES-CARRIED.

Elections – Tasks Phalen

Phalen thanked Patrick Costello and Jane Bishop for handling the election. Ballots and voting cards are ready. Szikszay will lead the collection of ballots and counting of votes.

Meeting Recess Pelon

Pelon called the meeting to recess at 8:58am.

Friday, November 3

Welcome Pelon

Pelon reconvened the meeting at 12:40pm. Members and guests were welcomed and new MACD and Regional Council officers recognized:

President: Art Pelon
Vice President: Gerald Miller
Secretary/Treasurer: Elaine Brown

Region 2 – Jane Bishop willing to chair, Howard VC willing to vice chair.

Region 3 – Carol Hunt

Region 10 – Clark Humrich, willing to chair

Region 5 – Larry Nowak

Motion by Szikszay, second by Mitchell to appoint Humrich and Bishop to their respective positions within their regions. AYES-CARRIED

Partner & Staff Updates

MDARD Switzer

Full partner report during the general assembly. Additions:

- FY17 very successful, with FY2018 scheduled to provide just over \$6M going out to CDs.
- Looking forward to working together to address MDARD services to districts in MI.
- Grant timelines. All grant eligibility points back from CDs, they are not sending out grant documents.
- Congratulations on a very successful event. Have heard many positive comments.
- Pelon noted that it is very important that MDARD staff and leadership attend the event, whether it is a half a day or the entire event. It provides an opportunity to interact and have conversations.

CDEM Blaszak

Funds earned through silent auction will be used to support educational scholarships.

MDNR Shine

- Setting up a wetland mitigation bank program within the state. Encourage districts to confirm the farmers with swamp buster violations and inform them of the opportunity to address through the state's mitigation bank.
- The program has four sites on state land for municipality mitigation purposes.
- Will be using private lands for swamp buster violation remediation.
- Credits cost: \$10,000 per unit (acre).

Committees/Projects/Programs

Finance Committee Phalen

Phalen reviewed the financial reports.

Motion by Brown, support by Nowak to approve the financial report as written. AYES-CARRIED

Legislative Committee Brown/Phalen

- Plan of Work - The committee will be working to best package the materials that we currently have in a way that helps them understand what a district is.
- Pelon suggested that MDARD consider requiring membership to receive a grant. (all CDs were members in FY17.)

Motion by Nowak, second by Gentz to invoice all counties \$400 for each of the next three years to fund legislative council and that only those who financially participate will be engaged in the development process). AYES-CARRIED.

NACD 2018 Activities Phalen and Miller

- January 4&5 - North Central Meeting – Grand Rapids, MI.
 - State presidents and alternates, partners and EDs within the region.
 - Agenda was reviewed.
 - Those interested are to contact Phalen. No cost, but do need to register.
 - Two presentations: 1) soil health partnership, 2) Miller helping Beth on other speaker.
 - MACD to provide a welcome packet to attendees.

MACD, November 1 and 3, cont.

- NACD Annual Meeting Attendance
 - Did not attend in FY17, as money was allocated to legislative project. The FY18 budget includes \$\$ for attendance. Brown will represent MACD.
 - Kip Miller will be attending, representing MDARD.
- NC NACD Director Scholarship for NACD Events.
 - NC has three scholarships. Miller suggests that Brown take the scholarships as a first time attendee.

MACD Annual Meeting and Convention Recap Pelon

General Discussion:

- Needed more coffee/hot chocolate. Attendees want coffee in the PM.
- Sessions were good and practical for board members and managers.
- Need to better market sessions applicable to directors. Have a mini agenda that specifically notes the sessions specific to directors. This information needs to be sent at least two months ahead.
- Share comments of directors who participate within this document – to share their positive experience at an event.
- Keystone Contract – Will be negotiating a new FY18 contract. All agreed that they did a fine job.

Meeting Close Pelon

Pelon adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm