



Interim Board Meeting
February 24, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

Attendance: Ted Arbeiter, Jennifer Erickson, Jim Knightwright, Mike Rennels, Ross Rowe, Mary Van Sickle, Tina Wilson

1. **Call to Order:** Tina Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
2. **Financial Report** – Tina Wilson, Chair: Tina reported that the current balance is \$768.60. She said that the account in St. Paul has been closed and the funds are currently sitting in her personal savings account until she can set up a new account with US Federal Credit Union in Burnsville, MN.

Ross Rowe agreed to serve as secondary signature on the account until board elections. Tina said she would set up the account on Friday morning and pay Wisconsin Community Media \$500 total (\$250 for each year for the 2015 and 2016 conferences that the ACM Midwest pledged).

Tina said that Deb Brunett of WCM would void the original \$312 check she sent to us for the 2015 conference and will send a new check next week to be deposited.

Tina also reported that she would deduct \$142.80 in April for the ACM Midwest's annual webhosting costs.

3. **ACM National:** Tina and Mary reported that the next meeting will be held on March 15 and 16 in Honolulu in conjunction with the ACM West Conference for Board and Leadership development.

The National Conference will take place August 18-20 in Boston. Mary and Tina encouraged all to register this year, if possible. Tina said that the Hometown Video Award dates are not yet on the website.

Mary reported that there is a strong potential for the National Conference to be held in Minnesota in 2017. Decision should be made at March meeting. All hands on deck if the conference makes it here.

4. **MW Region:** Tina reported that Nickey Robare has stepped down from the ACM Midwest board because she no longer is working with PEG. She hopes to return at a later date.

Tina reported that the ACM Midwest bylaws call for a nine-member board. She said we could take care of five one year and four the following year – they will serve on two-year terms. She spoke with everyone ahead of today's call and everyone is considering continuing to serve. Thank you!

Tina described the process: we have to do a call for nominations and descriptions 60 days prior to the annual meeting. Since the Madison meeting is set, we must send out the call by March 1. Tina said she would send this out.

Tina said we also need to appoint an election official to conduct the voting, make sure nominees have sent in required information, etc. We'll take nominations at the annual meeting. Each nominee must accept or decline, until close of the nominations during the meeting. Within seven days, nominees must submit statements. Then, within 14 days, on-line voting will begin. Voting closes 40 days later.

After the new board members are in place, they may then designate the chair and treasurer and ask ACM National to reinstate the ACM Midwest as a full board.

Tina said that Ted, Ross, Mike and Jim have agreed to put their names in for nominations this year, and Mary, Jennifer and Tina next year. Tina asked if Jennifer would serve as the election official – she agreed.

Board members asked about whether they could SKYPE into the August board meeting or access it via web streaming. Tina said she is meeting with Mary Cardona about this for Boston.

Tina said that we need at least one board member on the following committees: Nominations/Elections (Jennifer), Member Relations, Fund Development and Regional Conference.

Tina said that the WCM/ACM Conference will be held in Madison, Wis., on April 28 and 29, 2016. She encouraged 100% attendance from this board. The ACM Midwest Annual meeting will take place on Friday, April 29 – time and place TBD.

Mary asked whether anyone has Silent Auction items to donate this year. She said she would check in with Mary Cardona to find out contact information for the person who is organizing the Silent Auction.

Tina said that she has not had time to manage the ACM Midwest Facebook page and asked for a volunteer.

5. **Next Meeting date(s):** Tina said that she'd send out a meeting request for early April.
6. **Meeting Adjournment:** Ross made a motion to adjourn; Jim seconded the motion.