



Interim Board Meeting

April 12, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

On the Call: Ted Arbeiter, Jennifer Erickson, Jim Knightwright, Mike Rennels, Ross Rowe, Mary Van Sickle, Tina Wilson.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mary made a motion to approve minutes from the Feb. 24 meeting. Jennifer seconded. The minutes were approved.
3. **Financial Report – Tina Wilson, Chair:** The transfer of the bank account is complete. We now have a checking and savings account with Firefly Credit Union in Burnsville, Minn. Ross Rowe will serve as secondary signatory until board elections are completed. There is \$248.05 in both accounts; we'll subtract \$21.00 for checks to be printed.

Tina expects \$312 to come in from Wisconsin Community Media 2015 conference.

Webhosting fees will not come out this month; we paid for a two-year contract last year.

4. ACM National

- A. Mary said that the next meeting will be held on April 19 via teleconference.
- B. National Conference – August 18-20, Boston
 - a. Planning committees are currently meeting; they're working on content, information, setting up speakers, etc. Deadline is end of April to Wassenaar. Will have preconference workshops on Thursday; breakout sessions on Friday and Saturday.
 - b. Hometown Award entries are due April 21, 2016. This serves as a reminder to submit your entries!
 - c. Judging sites are still needed, so reach out to Mary or Tina if you can assist.

- C. The National Conference will be held in Minnesota in 2017. The decision regarding the actual venue is still under consideration—it will be either downtown Minneapolis or near the Mall of America. Ted said that people wouldn't want to be in the suburbs. Downtown would be preferred. Mary said that we'll need as much local assistance as possible. She asked Tina to chair the national conference committee, and Tina agreed.

5. Midwest Region

- A. Midwest Region Board
- i. Nominations and Elections will be held this year for five board seats. We currently have two nominations outside of current board members: Ryan VanLanduyt, from Rice Lake, Wis., and Javier Cedillo, from Northwest Community Television. We elect up to five this year and four next year, when Mary, Tina and Jennifer will run. Mary will stay on as the chair. Nomination forms are on our website. Please forward your statements to Jennifer.
 - ii. Mike Wassenaar will be in Minn. the second week of July and would like to do some sort of convening during the day and a fundraiser in the evening for the ACM Midwest. Discussion ensued.
- B. Midwest Committees: Tina said that after elections are done, we will call for assistance on the following committees. We'll work on committee descriptions later.
- a. Elections/Nominations
 - b. Member Relations
 - c. Fund Development
 - d. Regional Conference
- C. WCM/ACM Conference
- a. Tina reminded everyone that the conference will be held in Madison, Wis., on April 28 and 29, 2016. The annual meeting will take place on Friday, April 29, 2016.
 - b. Tina needs feedback on whether the ACM Midwest can assist with the 2017 Regional Conference with WCM in April/May 2017, when we'd be hosting our own ACM National Conference in July 2017. How should we handle this? Mary said that the NE Region suspended their regional conference this year for ACM National in Boston. Mary said she supports focusing only on the National in 2017. The group agreed to table this for a later discussion and decision.
- D. [ACM Midwest Region Website](#) and Facebook: Tina said she was able to find time to update the website with all new information, including a call for nominations, current By Laws, etc. Tina asked whether we should add links to our meeting agendas and minutes. All agreed that this would be a good idea.

Tina is trying to post more often on Facebook. Her workload is high, though, so she is still looking for a volunteer.

6. Next Meeting date: Friday, April 29, at the annual meeting at WCM/ACM conference. Others may Skype or call in. Look for agenda, and members may attend via conference call.
7. Meeting Adjournment: Ross Rowe made a motion to adjourn at 9:59 a.m.; Mike seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.