



Annual Meeting – These minutes have not been officially approved by members.

July 12, 2017 – 3:15 p.m.

Minnesota Room, Minneapolis Marriott City Center

Attending:

Tina LeGarde	Eboun Singhathip	Kimberly Blackburn
Barbara Nolan Clark	Dustin Cooper	Jeremy Crosby
Beth George	Brian Brady	Rudy Vigil
Jim Kambeitz	Kimberly Blackford	Michelle Sylvester
Ross Rowe	Joe Conlon	Mark Martinez
James Knightwright	Trudy Radniecki	Susan Abrahamson
Jason Liggett	Todd Wardrope	Doug Cain
Javier Cedillo	Tene Wells	TJ Western
Deb Brunett	Ryan VanLanduyt	Vanessa Van Alshe
Nikki Jackett	Karen George	Shawn Vouget
Mary Cardona	Jodie Miller	Mary Van Sickle
Elizabeth Minette	Jake Schumacher	Jon Funfar
Zipporah Mesesi	Fanuel Tsehaye	Mike Wassenaar

MW Region Chair, Tina LeGarde called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

A Financial Report was provided by Treasurer, Jim Knightwright. The balance of ACM MW Region total funds is \$1,518.50 (savings \$355.25, checking \$1,163.25) with two outstanding conference-related expenses of \$250 for the program ad and \$400 towards the July 11th Open House at SPNN. July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 Financial Statement:

Beginning Balance 7/1/2016 \$1,156.06

Income

Donations \$ 250.00
 Fundraiser \$ 525.00
 Best of Midwest, ACM/WCM Conferences \$ 355.00
 Dividends (Interest) \$ 0.24

Total Income \$1,130.24

Expenses

Fundraiser \$ 375.00
 Internet service (Website – 2 years) \$ 142.80
 WCM/ACM-MW Conference (2016) \$ 250.00

Total Expenses \$ 767.80

Current Balance \$1,518.50

(Savings - \$ 355.25)
 (Checking - \$1,163.25)

Outstanding

SPNN Open House \$ 400.00
 ACM Program Ad \$ 250.00

Total Outstanding \$ 650.00

Total Available \$ 868.50

ACM Board Chair Jon Funfar and President/CEO Mike Wassenaar addressed meeting participants with information/updates on the ACM national organization. They stated members should look forward to a new and improved listserv which will likely launch by the end of August and encouraged those present to mark their calendars and participate in the ACM Hill Day in Washington DC on November 8th to connect with members of Congress on issue important to PEG and Community Media Centers.

Tina LeGarde reviewed highlights from the past year's activities and asked for input on the needs of the members, what committees might be formed and who would be interested in volunteering to serve.

A discussion ensued regarding a number of issues and ideas such as establishing a region listserv, outreach to and sharing of resources with smaller communities, developing a targeted member recruitment communication piece, a shared joint conference with MACTA, conducting webinars, and providing more content on the MW Region FaceBook page.

It was generally agreed that prior to establishing committees and tasks, developing a survey to assess the needs of the MW Region members would be a good first step. Tina stated that once the board elections have concluded, the development of a survey for ACM MW Region members will be placed on the next board meeting agenda for consideration.

Tina LeGarde reviewed the election process for the five MW Region board of director two-year term open seats. She reported the Call for Nominations was sent to all members on July 5, 2017 and to date, three nominations had been received. They were: Ryan VanLanduyt (Rice Lake Community Media, Rice Lake, WI); Mary Van Sickle (Dakota Media Access, Bismarck ND); and Tina LeGarde (Burnsville Community Television, Burnsville, MN).

At that time, Tina then asked if there were any further nominations. Jason Liggett (Urbana Public Television, Urbana, IL) submitted his nomination. There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Ross Rowe, seconded by Mary Cardona to close the nominations. Motion passed.

Tina stated that ballots will be sent on July 26 to MW Region members and voting will stay open until 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017. Tina then appointed Ross Rowe as the election official who will send ballots and submit the final election results. Ross agreed to the appointment.

Mary Cardona mentioned the Wisconsin Community Media (WCM) Conference will be held in Oshkosh, WI in April, 2018 and asked the MW Region Board to consider co-hosting the conference and provide volunteers for the conference planning committee, and encouraged all MW Region members to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.