



MEDA Board Meeting via Zoom
May 10, 2021
11am

Participants: Brett Doney, Tim Guardipee, Paddy Fleming, Brent Donnelly, Grant Kier, Brian Obert, Rick Edwards, Paul Reichert, Russ Fletcher, Leslie Messer, Adam Vauthier, Steve Arveschoug, Sarah Converse, Tori Matejovsky, Terry Brockie, Joe Willauer, Tracy McIntyre, Christy Dawson, Kirk Keysor, Adam Schafer, Toni Schneider, and Gloria O'Rourke.

1. Strategic Planning Retreat Dates

A discussion was held regarding the need and dates for a MEDA Board Retreat. It was decided to hold a MEDA board meeting immediately following the closure of the June 30th conference. On the agenda would be NextGen topics but the meeting would primarily focus on MEDA business; it may be a date would be set in September to delve into MEDA business.

2. Nominating Committee Report and Recommendations – Paddy

- a. The MEDA Nominating Committee recommended the following re-up for another term on the board: Tracy McIntyre, Toni Schneider, Marie Hirsch, Chris Cerquone, and Sarah Converse.

Sarah moved to send this slate out to the members and to accept nominations from the floor on Tuesday. Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. Election of Officers: The MEDA Nominating Committee recommended the following officers: Past President Steve Arveschoug, President Brian Obert, Vice President Joe Willauer, Treasurer Rick Edwards, with Tori Matejovsky and Sarah Converse serving at-large on the Executive Committee; and Secretary (Ex Officio) Gloria O'Rourke.

Grant moved the board approve the recommendations for officers for the membership to vote on during the annual meeting. Rick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Review of Agenda for May 12th Membership Meeting
MDOC Director Scott Osterman will be the featured speaker during the MEDA Annual Membership Meeting. Board members and officers will be elected.
4. Update on RFP and June 29-30 MEDA Conference
Gloria reported she has received four phone calls regarding the RFP. The Executive Committee will review and rank the RFPs. A board meeting with Todd O'Hair invited will take place on June 1st for contract approval. The firm hired is to be notified June 2nd.
5. MEDA Contract with MDOC
Brian and Gloria reported they received an email stating the existing MEDA contract with MDOC is being renewed.
6. Misc.
 - a. Everyone was encouraged to continue to monitor the commission meetings set up as a result of HB632.
 - b. Capital continues to be an issue for projects. Brett suggested banding together for a presentation to the appropriate commission for RLF capital. Brett suggested forming a working group and inviting current RLF representatives to join.

Action Item: Gloria is to send an invite to the membership once Brett sends her a description. Board members interested: Brett, Paul R., Brian, Joe, Tracy and Adam.