

MISSOURI ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2021, at 1:00 PM

The meeting was conducted live at Camden on the Lake Resort. The meeting was called to order by President Holly Bowie at 1:15 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Holly Bowie X Matt Allen X Melody Bridges X Mark Hastings A
Christine Kalish X Beth Gillespie A JT Taylor X Christina Elmore X
Steve Norman X Sandy Alexander X Dan St. Lawrence X Jamie Williams X
Cassandra Mosholder X

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

JT informed the Board that Beth was running late due to an issue at her office making her delayed in leaving for the conference. Christine Kalish called Mark Hastings who reported he had been delayed in leaving his office but was enroute. JT Taylor made a motion to excuse Mark and Beth's absence, and it was seconded by Jamie Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

NON-VOTED COMMITTEE CHAIR ATTENDANCE

Gina Tanner was not present at the meeting.

MEMBER AND GUEST ATTENDANCE

New member Erin Walker attended the meeting as a guest.

CONSENT AGENDA

JT Taylor made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, which was seconded by Steve Norman and unanimously approved.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Previous meeting minutes had been sent to the Board members for review. No one had any questions or issues. Jamie made a motion to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Dan St Lawrence and unanimously approved.

Minutes from the Special Meeting had also been sent to the Board members for review. There were no questions or issues with the minutes. Jamie made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Dan and was unanimously approved.

MEMBERSHIP'S COMMENTS

Erin Walker thanked the Board for letting her attend the meeting.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report

President Holly Bowie said she'd been getting things set up for the conference and things had been going pretty smoothly.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Matt Allen thanked everyone who had had a hand in getting conference organized and who will be helping throughout the conference. He passed out conference programs, which had been tailored to each board member with their duty assignments throughout the conference. He added that even though we don't have the normal Wednesday night social event scheduled, we will try to come up with a designated time/place for some socializing and networking. He encouraged everyone to greet as many people as possible, make everyone feel welcome and to talk to anyone who might be a good addition to the Executive Board about possibly running for election. He also asked that, once everyone gets checked into their room, that everyone assist in getting gear/merchandise/giveaway items carried down to the meeting rooms and get everything set up. He said there had been one scholarship cancellation due to the individual leaving the career field. He also stated that as an award winner, JT Taylor should have had one night of his hotel stay paid for by the Association, but he had initially declined that due to the Association's financial constraints this year. Given that there was a scholarship cancellation, he stated the Association would go ahead and cover one of JT's nights at the conference for being the John Rhodes Award winner. He presented the Registration Table Book and there was a brief discussion on who was working the registration table. There was also a brief discussion on handling raffle tickets during the conference.

Secretary's Report

JT Taylor stated the last two annual business meeting minutes are in the conference program so everyone needs to encourage the attendees to read them before the business meeting Thursday. Beyond that, he said the last meetings minutes and the special meeting minutes, which were approved at this meeting, will be sent to Gina as soon as they're approved for posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Melody Bridges reported there was \$23,899.19 in the Main Account, \$1,824.50 in the Certification Account and the PayPal Account had a 0 balance. She stated she had several refunds to give and to pay for the post office box but otherwise everything was caught up. JT made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, which was seconded by Sandy Alexander and unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Awards:

Steve Norman thanked Melody Bridges for picking up the awards and bringing them to the conference. He said he had nothing else really to report. JT reported that he was finalizing the script for the awards presentation and would be passing it out to everyone the next day.

Certification:

Christine Kalish stated the fall certification class is still set up to be held in three weeks in O'Fallon. She said there was currently 13 people enrolled and expected a few more. She stated there were currently 149 certified ACOs.

Constitution and Bylaws:

JT Taylor stated the latest edition of the Constitution and Bylaws are ready for signing, with one copy going to the President, and one to the Treasurer, while one copy also remaining with the Secretary. He stated the Secretary's copy will be placed in a notebook and be set out at the registration desk for the membership to review if they want or need to. He said the recently approved revision had also been sent to Gina for updating on the website, and she would have it posted before the Conference opens.

SOP:

Jamie Williams passed out the new Board Member Handbooks to the members. He pointed out an error in the page number sequencing and recommended each member print out their own new copy from the website and replace it in the notebooks he passed out.

Legislation:

Dan St Lawrence said the MAAL proposal will be presented to the members and the members will decide if MACA supports the bill and will become part of the bill. There was a general discussion on the bill and how to best receive motion. There were also concerns about how the motion should be worded given the legislative process. JT stated he would speak with MAAL representatives, review the actual draft of the Bill and then craft a motion that is very specific to the Bill's language and MACA's intent.

Positions:

Holly Bowie stated she has nothing to report.

Historian and Photographer:

Mark Hastings was not present, so no report was given.

Membership:

Sandy Alexander said the most current membership list was printed out and provided to all Board members to facilitate rapid vetting during the Board elections. She said there were 135 currently paid up members and she showed 3 lifetime members. She said she knew there were more lifetime

members and said we needed to work on determining who all were lifetime members. JT said he would search old minutes to see who had been approved as lifetime members.

Nominations:

Cassandra Mosholder said there had been no new nominations submitted. She said the slate as ready for approval. There was a general discussion on when to approve the slate and post it to the members and it was determined that the slate should be approved Thursday morning before the business meeting. She said she has seen the drafts of the slate and the ballots and would get with JT to finalize the ballots. There was general discussion on getting members who are unsure if they want to be on the board, to serve on a committee first.

Scholarships:

Mark Hastings was not present. Matt reminded the Board that there had been one scholarship cancellation due to the individual having left the career field.

Merchandise:

Beth Gillespie was not present, so no report was given.

Exhibitors:

JT Taylor said he had heard from all of the exhibitors but one in the last few days and everyone would be attendance. He reminded the Board that as soon as the meeting was over he would be putting out the exhibitor's name placards on their assigned booth table and would then be leaving to go to the airport to pick up one of our exhibitors. He asked if someone could be available during registration this evening to assist any exhibitors with set up. Matt Allen said Casandra and Mark Hastings would be prepared to assist exhibitors. JT said It should be pretty self-sufficient. He briefly went over Exhibitor registration/check in with Casandra.

Grants:

Holly Bowie stated she had nothing new to report regarding grants. Stephen Norman said the last three grant requests he had outstanding had been turned down.

Social Media:

Christina Elmore stated all of the Facebook pages were up to date and receiving views. She had nothing else to report.

Newsletter:

Matt Allen thanked JT Taylor for his work getting the 3rd Quarter newsletter out, and thanked Casandra Mosholder for her article on Board nominations. He said the 4th Quarter Edition would probably feature Annual Conference wrap-up, election results, and training opportunities.

Website:

Gina Tanner was not present, so no report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

Electronic Vote Results: Holly restated the purpose and results of the electronic vote regarding presenting the MAAL proposal to the membership during the Annual Business Meeting. Following

some additional discussion, it was agreed that Bob Baker, with MAAL, should address the attendees and explain the proposed legislation, and that if any further discussion with the members, that Christine Kalish should speak for the Board. The exact language of the motion presented to the membership during the business meeting should be very specifically worded and JT agreed to read the proposed Bill and draft the motion based on the actual language in the current form of the proposed Bill, and to ensure the words "as worded" were included in the motion. Everyone agreed. JT then made a motion to accept the results of the electronic vote, which was seconded by Sandy Alexander. The ten Board members present voted to approve the motion, with two absent members no available to vote. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was not new business to conduct.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled as the Annual Business Meeting for noon Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

JT made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dan St Lawrence. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting and it was closed at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Taylor

James A. (JT) Taylor
Executive Secretary