

**MISSOURI ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 2, 2022, at 10:00 AM**

The meeting was conducted via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by President Holly Bowie at 10:34 AM.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Holly Bowie  Matt Allen  Mark Hastings  JT Taylor   
Christina Elmore  Steve Norman  Sandy Alexander  Dan St. Lawrence   
Jamie Williams  Casandra Mosholder  Sara Spease  Wendy Combs

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

JT Taylor made a motion to excuse Mark Hastings' absence which was seconded by Sandy Alexander and unanimously approved. \*Mark Hastings joined the meeting a few minutes late and was then considered in attendance.

**NON-VOTED COMMITTEE CHAIR ATTENDANCE**

Gina Tanner was not present at the meeting.

**MEMBER AND GUEST ATTENDANCE**

There were no guests in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

JT Taylor requested board members terms be added to new business, to be included before committee assignments. Matt Allen made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, which was seconded by JT, and unanimously approved.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board with no changes deemed necessary. Matt Allen made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written. Dan St Lawrence seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**MEMBERSHIP'S COMMENTS**

There were no members present and so no comments were made.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

### President's Report

President Holly Bowie said she has been working with JT Taylor to clarify the terms of new and existing board members, which will be addressed in more detail under new business. She also said she had made some progress on the storage unit but has added it to old business to discuss further.

### Vice President's Report

Vice President Matt Allen said he didn't have much to report since the last meeting. He said he has communicated with Julia Kelley from the Humane Society. She is interested in speaking again but has not indicated a topic yet. He said she is requesting mileage and one night's stay at the hotel, just the same as last year. He said she requested a Wednesday night hotel stay and to speak on Thursday but said that was flexible. He said he told her we would try to accommodate. Matt reported having heard from Tim with the Best Friends proposal. Tim proposed the following topics: Demystifying Managed Intake for approximately one hour; The Power of Data: Utilizing data to increase efficiency and lifesaving for one hour; No-Kill History and Language: history and language around the movement for one hour; or Community Cat programs for an hour. He said Tim indicated they would again be an exhibitor and was looking into sponsorship in some manner. He said Tim requested no compensation or reimbursement. Matt also said he had not reached out to Shelter Planners for clarification about topics/length at this time as he was hoping to see what other proposals came in but he has received no new proposals at this time. He said his planned goal is to reach out to MAAL, Matt Rold, and other regulars by the next meeting. He said he has begun a very early draft of the conference schedule. He said registrations for 2022 Conference have been slow, as is expected this time of year, with only one attendee and one Board member registered at this time. He reported having emailed marketing materials for the Conference to Board for Distribution and thanked Holly for the design. JT Taylor reported having had a conversation with Mark Kumpf regarding him presenting some hands-on training. Dan St Lawrence reported having had a conversation with Dr Katherine Bell regarding her presenting hands on training on pet first aid and CPR. Matt said he appreciated all the verbal proposals but asked that Board members make sure the person they're speaking with actually submits their proposal online.

### Secretary's Report

JT Taylor stated the December meeting minutes have been posted to the website. He said digitizing hand-written agendas and minutes from the past continues as time permits. He also said had forgotten that the Certification Committee secretary was supposed to forward their meeting minutes to the Executive Secretary and so now he was searching for old certification committee meeting minutes and speaking with former certification committee secretaries to see if they still have agendas and minutes.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Casandra Mosholder reported there was a balance of \$14,081.63 in the Main Account, with a balance of \$2,870.29 in the Certification account. She said there was

**\$1,052.60 in the PayPal account at this time. JT Taylor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, which was seconded by Sandy Alexander and unanimously approved.**

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

### **Awards:**

**Jamie Williams reported that he had sent out the two nomination letters he had received so far to the Board for their consideration. He also said he had received an email from Kim Galbrecht, who had nominated Stephanie Bugbee for the John Rhodes Award, but she had intended it to be for the ACO of the Year. He said at this time there had only been two nominees submitted: one for John Rhodes and one for ACO of the Year.**

### **Certification:**

**President Holly Bowie said the certification program has been booked at the Hilton Garden Inn April 5-6. She said Christina will be attending the training and will be considering assuming the role of Certification Chair. She said she has created a brochure for Certification program, which is not posted on the website and social media yet. She said she could use some help with creating an email list or using someone's existing list to promote the training. She said to date, we only have two attendees registered. She said in order to reduce expenses, she and Ellen Stark may be making the training booklets instead of ordering them from a printing company. Jamie Williams said he would take the brochure and visit with all the agencies in the southeast area, saying he felt like they would benefit from certification training if they were aware of it. He asked JT about talking points to help present the idea to city and county leaders. JT said he would produce a talking point email and send it out to the whole Board. Matt Allen said he had been approached by the Columbia Chamber about helping bring MACA training back to the city. He said he would check into what they could do to help and host the fall certification program.**

### **Constitution and Bylaws:**

**JT Taylor said a typo in the Constitution and Bylaws, which had previously been identified and was on the list of corrections the Board approved last fall has been found. He said it was accidentally not corrected when the other corrections were made. He said it does not require Board action, just to be corrected by himself. He also said the Certification Bylaws have been updated on the website.**

### **Legislation:**

**Dan St Lawrence said he had good news, as the Mandatory Reporting bill has reached the Senate floor. He said there was still some trouble with the wording in the Disposition Hearing Process proposed in HB 2204. He said both the Senate and House bills with Breed Specific language might pass this year, but the language is generally considered bad, that it goes back to municipalities and their dangerous dog laws. He said the Bill would take Breed Specific language out of the statute and leave dangerous dog situations to the municipalities. He said these Bills need to have language that is uniform statewide. He said he had sent out the most current talking points on a couple Bills to the Board and encouraged them to address their opinions to their legislators.**

**Historian and Photographer:**

Mark Hastings said he had nothing to report at this time.

**Membership:**

Sandy Alexander said the Association has one more paid membership than last meeting and King City has finally hired a new ACO. She said she has sent them an invoice per the city clerk's request and the new ACO's name is Austin Lamastus. She said there are 84 paid members as of now. She said she was still working on a current list and will email it to the Board when done, and asked for the Board's patience as she compiled the list.

**Nominations:**

Dan St Lawrence said he had nothing to report. There was a general discussion on ways to promote nominations and Board service. JT collected several suggestions on the "perks" of being a board member and said he would address it in the next issue of the MACA News as well as prepare a talking points sheet for that as well.

**Scholarships:**

Mark Hastings said he had nothing to report. He said as far as he knew there had been no applications for scholarship. He said his email has been messed up and he hasn't been receiving anything, and he hoped the President was being notified of applications as well. Holly said she hadn't received anything either.

**Merchandise:**

Beth Gillespie had resigned so no report was given.

**Exhibitors:**

Steve Norman said he had heard from Datamars, AVID and MAAL about being exhibitors. Matt said Tim had indicated Best Friends would be an exhibitor as well.

**Grants:**

Steve Norman said he had received about 20 rejections from Wal-Mart, none of them from the Lake of the Ozarks area so far, so he still had hopes that local Wal-Mart's might provide grants. He said Target was probably not going to award us a grant. Co-Chair Matt Allen said he didn't really have anything to add. Sara Spease recommended contacting Nebraska Furniture Mart.

**Social Media:**

Christina Elmore reported she has been posting multiple events on both of the Facebook pages and everything is current.

**Newsletter:**

JT Taylor reported the first quarter issue back from proof-reading and sent to Gina for posting on the website. There were several ads sold for print in all four issues, and one at this point to be included in the next three issues. Payment for the ads can be done via a check mailed to the MACA PO Box or through the website. Invoices have been sent to the

advertisers. He said he had started the second quarter issue already with plans to publish is in early April. He said that over time, there might be a need for filler articles to work around an ad. He planned to do Board profiles and things like that to fill the space. Dan St Lawrence made a suggestion that we promote an employee recognition space which might help increase award's nominations.

#### **Mini-MACA:**

Christina Elmore reported she has been working on the Mini MACAs and have locations secured for both. She said the Mini MACAs would be in May and August. She thanked JT and Jamie for helping with the locations and thanked Holly for helping with the planning.

#### **Website:**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Climate Controlled Storage**

President Holly Bowie said she'd conducted a survey to see who all had stuff for the storage unit and most of the stored items would be in the northwest part of the state. She said she wasn't opposed to Columbia but felt it would be better if the unit was in the Kansas City area. Matt Allen suggested moving it periodically to the area where the annual conference would be held so it was closer to the conference site. JT Taylor suggested if its not a central location within the state, it should not have an annual rental agreement, so it could be moved whenever needed. Following further general discussion, it was decided that Holly should find a unit in the Kansas City metro area.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resignation**

Beth Gillespie tendered her resignation from the Board due to not meeting the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws for serving on the Board.

#### **Board Terms**

President Holly Bowie said she'd been working with JT Taylor on sorting out the Board member terms of office. JT reported having researched the board meetings and Annual Business meetings for the past 6 years to track down where the board member terms of office got out of order. He said the main issue came when the Board had to cancel the Annual Business meeting in 2020 due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Then President Kyle Shafer had appointed incumbent board members to continue to serve and not everyone who was appointed had been re-elected for the proper term the following year. After working through elections and Presidential appointments, the terms will expire on the following years:

In 2022, Matt Allen's term is Vice President expires, as well as Directors Christina Elmore, Mark Hastings and Beth Gillespie's recently vacated seat.

**In 2023, Holly Bowie and JT Taylor's terms as President and Executive Secretary respectively will expire, as well as Directors Steven Norman, Jamie Williams, and Sandy Alexander.**

**In 2024, The Vice Presidents term will expire as well as the terms for Directors Dan St Lawrence, Wendy Combs and Sara Spease will expire.**

**Holly said she would contact webmaster Gina Tanner to get the information updated on the website.**

**Committee Assignments**

**President Holly Bowie said she was assigning Sara Spease to chair the Scholarship Committee and Wendy Combs to the Merchandise Committee. She promise each new Board member the rest of the Board would be available to assist or answer any questions the new chairs might have.**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE**

**The next meeting is scheduled as a live meeting and is set for April 20, 2022, at 10:00 AM at the Springfield Brewing Company.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**JT Taylor made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sandy Alexander. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting and it was closed at 12:19 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

***James A. Taylor***

**James A. (JT) Taylor  
Executive Secretary**