

MACDE Board Conference Call
February 24, 2016
9:00 AM
Call in: (641) 715-3580
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Sherry Blaszek, President
Melissa Eldridge, Vice President
Tracy Bronson, Secretary
Melissa Higbee, Treasurer
Dawn Hergott, Board Member

Renee Lenow, Board Member
Kristina Denison, Board Member
Catherine Acerboni, Board Member
Janet Reins, Board Member

- 1.) Treasurer Report-Melissa
- 2.) Annual Plan of Work
- 3.) Committees/Responsible
 - a. Auction-
 - b. Training-
 - c. Scholarship- Janet Reins
 - d. Membership-Melissa Higbee
 - e. Website-
 - f. Annual Meeting
 - i. Years of Service Awards
 - ii. Technician/Admin Awards
 - g. Name Badges-Catherine Acerboni
 - h. Poster Contest- Missaukee CD
 - i. Human Resource
- 4.) District Managers Retreat
- 5.) Region Meetings
- 6.) Summer Conference
- 7.) NCDEA Update

MACDE Board Minutes

Conference Call 02/24/16

Present:

Sherry Blaszak, President

Tracy Bronson, Secretary

Melissa Higbee, Treasurer

Dawn Hergott, Board Member

Renee Leow, Board Member

Kristina Denison, Board Member

Catherine Acerboni, Board Member

Janet Reins, Board Member

Treasurer's Report: Higbee presented the Profit & Loss through 2/22/16, Balance Sheet as of 2/22/16, and Profit & Loss October 2014 through September 2015 reports. Reins motioned to approve as presented, Denison seconded and the motion passed.

Annual Plan of Work: Discussion concerned the MACDE board retreat and whether it should/could be done in conjunction with the MACD Summer Conference or separately. Higbee motioned to have the MACDE board retreat separate from the MACD Summer Conference at a centrally located venue before the MACD Summer Conference. Hergott seconded and the motion passed upon a unanimous roll call vote. Bronson will send out a doodle poll to determine a May date for the retreat.

Committees/Responsible:

- a. Auction – Acerboni mentor Reins with Reins eventually taking over this responsibility
- b. Training – Denison, Higbee
- c. Scholarship – Reins
- d. Membership – Higbee, Bronson
- e. Website – Bronson
- f. Annual Meeting
 - i. Years of Service Awards – Leow update, Higbee print awards
 - ii. Technician/Admin Awards – Blaszak, Leow
- g. Name Badges – Acerboni
- h. Poster Contest – Blaszak
- i. Human Resource – Eldridge

District Managers Retreat: MACDE should continue to coordinate this. Bring in speakers/trainings for professional development. Discuss further with Lori Phalen at MACDE board retreat.

Region Meetings: District managers and MACDE regional reps should have meetings to discuss anything needed. This topic will be discussed more at the MACDE board retreat.

MACD Summer Conference: To be held on June 6, 7, and 8 in Bay City, MI. MACDE should support the Partnership Task Force and encourage CDs to do more with partners.

NCDEA Update: Discussion about the length of time it takes to get new employees on the USDA computer system. It's a nationwide issue, have patience. Bugs are being worked through. Higbee no longer North Central Region Rep, Denison is on election ballot to be North Central Region Rep. Higbee now treasurer for NCDEA.

Other: Discussion occurred on the fruit tree sales by CDs. MACDE needs to push CDs to keep Lori informed. Fruit trees are valuable sales for CDs. Nurseries and CDs will take a hard hit if these are limited or denied. Hergott and Reins will discuss keeping this board informed with Lori Phalen.

These minutes were approved on May 24, 2016 by: