



## **MAPSA CONFERENCE APRIL 11, 2013** **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

The Board met after the Conference for the Annual Business meeting on April 11, 2013.

The March 2013 Meeting Minutes were approved.

There was no financial report for the business meeting due to so many items pending for payment processing. Treasurer Levi will have a full Financial Report at the May meeting. Levi noted the vendors have not yet paid and the cookie cost has not yet been covered.

We discussed the Conference for a short time. The blizzard obviously made things difficult for us and our attendees, but the majority made the trip and we had better attendance than we expected (73 total including 55 registered members, 2 vendors, 1 award winner and her boss (1), and 9 Board Members. We were grateful Mystic Lake and Defil, our event coordinator, allowed us to drop our plate count from 98 to 82 to adjust for the snow storm keeping some away. This helped our budget a lot since we did not have to pay far over our attendance estimate.

We agreed this was great for our first time using our new venue at Mystic Lake, members seemed to really enjoy it, and there is a year to “work out the bugs” prior to the next conference in 2014. We will compile a list to watch for next time. Some of the issues included the computer needing a back-up 2<sup>nd</sup> computer and back up flash drive since we had a few technical difficulties, reminding our attendees to park in back at the hotel to avoid the smoke, and to have the conference later in April to avoid snow issues.

Despite some speaker issues, we were able to pull things off with a full day of speakers, vendors, and great food, despite not having our closing speaker Jillian Peterson, who cancelled her appearance. She offered to do a separate presentation free of charge at another time/place for our members. Diana will work with her on a time and venue (maybe library) and we will get the invitation sent out to the members.

We reviewed the Ballot Nominations we received for the open MAPSA positions. All 4 Region Representatives were officially nominated, as well as Levi Scheeler for the Treasurer position. The President nominations

included a few names to consider. These people will be contacted to determine their confirmed interest in the position of President. Amy Olson can give it some thought until the next meeting if she is able to take over the President position.

Overall, the new change in venue was a success and we have already discussed with Defil that we will be choosing a date for the 2014 Conference at Mystic Lake soon.



Notes by MAPSA Secretary Tara Rother