

MID-AMERICA REGULATORY CONFERENCE
Business Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2003
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, Georgia

The following MARC Commissioners were in attendance:

Sandy Hochstetter	Arkansas	Ann Boyle	Nebraska
David Hadley	Indiana	Lowell Johnson	Nebraska
Larry Landis	Indiana	Fred Landis	Nebraska
Bill McCarty	Indiana	Tony Clark	North Dakota
Judy Ripley	Indiana	Susan Wefald	North Dakota
Mark Lambert	Iowa	Judy Jones	Ohio
Diane Munns	Iowa	Bob Anthony	Oklahoma
Elliot Smith	Iowa	Denise Bode	Oklahoma
Brian Moline	Kansas	Jim Burg	South Dakota
John Wine	Kansas	Gary Hanson	South Dakota
Laura Chappelle	Michigan	Bob Sahr	South Dakota
J. Peter Lark	Michigan	Becky Klein	Texas
Bob Nelson	Michigan	Julie Parsley	Texas
Dave Svanda	Michigan	Ave M. Bie	Wisconsin
LeRoy Koppendraye	Minnesota	Bernie Bridge	Wisconsin
Phyllis Reha	Minnesota	Bert Garvin	Wisconsin
Robert Clayton	Missouri		
Bryan Forbis	Missouri		

MARC President, Commissioner Ave M. Bie called the meeting to order at 7:25 a.m. and a quorum was established. Members were introduced.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the July 29, 2003 meeting were read by LeRoy Koppendraye, in the absence of MARC Secretary, Phyllis Reha. The attendance list was corrected by adding Kevin Wright of Illinois and Frank Landis of Nebraska and by changing the spelling of Elliot Smith to Elliott Smith. To correct the record Anne Boyle moved that the minutes as corrected be approved. On voice vote the minutes as corrected were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Randy Bynum presented the treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003 in the absence of MARC Treasurer, Judy Jones. Net assets decreased by \$7,691.69. The current checking account balance is \$43,313.76. Included in that total is \$13,410.76 remaining in the Bank of the Ozarks in an account established for MARC. This money is part of the seed money for the June 2005 meeting in Arkansas. To reach the seed money object of \$15,000 an additional

sum of \$1,589.24 needs to be transferred into that account. In addition, Ohio requests that the \$1,000 paid to the Columbus Hilton be approved and classified as seed money for the 2006 MARC meeting. Upon motion made by Randy Bynum and approved on voice vote the transfer of funds into the Bank of the Ozarks account was approved.

Wisconsin Conference Update

President Ave Bie presented the planned events for the June 13, 2004 MARC Conference in Madison, WI. The schedule includes events for the family as well as Commissioners. A FERC regional conference is anticipated in conjunction with the MARC Conference.

Old Business

On behalf of MARC, Ave Bie congratulated Diane Munns for her election as second Vice President of NARUC.

It was announced that there would be an SBC dialogue following this business meeting.

The draft agenda for the MARC Winter Retreat in San Antonio was distributed. Ave Bie invited anyone to contact her regarding additional items to be placed on the agenda.

Anne Boyle provided an update on the continuing difficulties with the Omaha Doubletree Hotel over a \$35,000 claimed penalty for late notice of final attendance numbers. The hotel is not responding to Anne regarding the penalty they want to impose. The hotel has not taken any other action but their claim for \$35,000 remains outstanding. There was discussion about the ROC meeting to be held at a Doubletree Hotel and whether the scheduling of that event could be used as leverage in negotiating the penalty. Anne explained that the final bill for services actually used was \$76,000. That amount has been paid. The penalty of \$35,000 is for rooms not booked. The Doubletree Hotel has not threatened suit, but has not been responsive to Anne's requests for further discussion. Anne will document her contacts with the hotel and keep MARC membership informed of her negotiations. Anne will send a follow-up letter after discussion with Elliott Smith and the Executive Committee. There remains \$26,324 from the conference and Anne will transfer the money to MARC in the regular course of business.

There was no update from Susan Wefald on OMS since most people had been present the previous morning for a meeting of OMS with MISO representatives.

New Business

Connie Murray urged Commissioners to attend the New Mexico utility regulation conference.

A motion was made and approved to send \$1,000 to Ohio as seed money for the 2006 MARC Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.