

**MAP Board of Directors Meeting
January 8, 2010 (MDOT Augusta Conference Room)
Minutes**

Meeting Convened at 10:59 AM, without a quorum*

Present: Stacy Benjamin, Judy East, Beth Della Valle, Helen Edmonds, Rod Melanson, Hugh Coxe, Mac Stocco

* Items voted were taken up after 11:34 am, with Maureen O'Meara present, constituting a quorum.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Approve minutes from the December 4, 2009 meeting. **Second.**

Passed: 6:0:2 (H. Coxe and R. Melanson abstaining)

2. NNECAPA CM. Maureen O'Meara

- Maureen has been attempting to gain better understanding of the needs and process to allow MAP to arrange CM credits through NNECAPA. This would avoid the need to pay the \$900 fee separately.
- NNECAPA has continued to insist that a NNECAPA Board member be substantially involved in any event to receive CM credits. In addition, NNECAPA would want 1/3 of profits from such events. MAP can avoid all of this by paying our own \$95 provider fee and then the \$900 for unlimited CM credits. This is still less than the \$2,000 we paid in the past when we applied on an event-by-event basis.

Motion (B. DellaValle): Apply for the provider fee and unlimited credits, as described. **Second.**

- Beth noted that NNECAPA's approach is stifling MAP's creativity in planning events. There are many benefits to NNECAPA membership, but this policy is too strict.
- Maureen said that we should continue to talk to NNECAPA's Board to try to get them to revisit this policy. MAP does the best we can to try to get people involved in NNECAPA, but we have had limited success. She added later in the discussion that she would very much like this issue to be on the next NNECAPA Board agenda, and she hopes that

our Maine representatives will push it forward. While NNECAPA is following the letter of AICP's rules, this policy cuts against interstate cooperation. She would like to see NNECAPA apply more flexibility, as strict compliance probably isn't necessary.

- Mac noted that NNECAPA is heavily weighted with New Hampshire members, and that it has relatively limited engagement in Maine and Vermont. Most of the meetings are in New Hampshire, as that is where most of the members are. Mac agreed to do his best to advance this discussion at NNECAPA.
- Stacy advocated MAP continuing to fund the CM credits on our own. She is not an AICP member, but does get benefits from the educational sessions we provide for CM credit. The \$1,000 seems a reasonable amount to pay for these session

Passed: Unanimous.

- Maureen said that she will work to prepare a written response to NNECAPA and bring that back to the Board for review. Mac suggested that Anna Breinich should help with this effort as our NNECAPA representative.

3. Newsletter. Rebecca Schaffner-Tousignant (in absentia)

- The deadline for submittals for the Winter 2010 edition is February 12.
- Various Board members agreed to provide material, including Judy East (update on the 4/4/10 Brownfields conference, awards information for general meeting); Beth DellaValle (report on the general membership meeting, and the LPC tutorial and by-laws); Helen Edmonds (update on DEP's Site Law amendments); and Stacy Benjamin (possible travel report on the US Virgin Islands).

4. Website. Judy Colby-George (item skipped).

5. Membership. Linda Johns (item skipped).

6. Awards. Judy East.

- Judy received information from Anne Krieg about last year's process. She is looking for committee members, preferably not Board members. She will put out a call for volunteers.

7. Annual Meeting. All.

- The Board discussed potential topics for the annual meeting in June. A discussion of LURC territory issues was suggested, as there is a lot going on in the jurisdiction, with the adoption of a new Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Plum Creek project. Other possible topics mentioned were forest management/shoreland zone issues, siting of regional/public facilities.
- Rod and Mac agreed to try to launch the annual meeting organizational committee, and to finalize topics, location, etc.
- Judy East will head up the awards committee and help with contacts in the LURC region if that is the focus.
- The annual meeting is typically held in the first few weeks of June.

8. **Other** - nothing reported

9. **Next scheduled meeting** - March 5, 2010.

Meeting adjourned, 12:00 pm