



MINUTES OF MEDA BUSINESS MEETING

April 15, 2010 ~ The Marriott Inn & Conference Center ~ University of Maryland University College

A membership business meeting of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) 2010 Spring Conference was held on April 15, 2010 at the Marriott Inn & Conference, University of Maryland University College in College Park, MD.

MEDA President Kwasi Holman called the business meeting to order. MEDA Secretary Laurie Boyer, CEcD, presented the minutes from the 2010 Winter Conference. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Danny Thompson and seconded by Vernon Thompson. Motion carried.

The membership report was given by Danny Thompson in Dick Story's absence. Eleven new members were presented to be accepted for membership at this meeting. With approval of these eleven members, total MEDA membership is 466.

President Kwasi Holman recognized and thanked sponsors for this spring meeting, including Renee Winsky, Tech Council of MD, who was very instrumental in helping with today's program.

A special power point presentation was given by John Marsh, Director of Interactive, DBED, titled ***Marketing through Story Telling: Bringing Maryland's Entrepreneurs & Innovators to Light.*** John emphasized DBED's new web site will make navigation easier, and includes new rotating features and MDbiz TV. The launch of the international resource directory today will hopefully reach a broader audience. Please visit www.choosemaryland.org – ***Maryland of Opportunity.***

It was announced that registration is currently online for the annual meeting at the Cambridge Hyatt *June 6-8, 2010*. This year's agenda topic will be "***Maryland's Competitiveness.***" Plans are moving forward for the Silent Auction to benefit the Lofton Scholarship Fund. The agenda will also include a tour of downtown Cambridge, as well as the Layton's Chance Vineyard & Winery and the annual "shot gun" golf outing.

MEDA's Basic Course will be held July 26 – 30, 2010 at the Arnold campus of the Anne Arundel Community College.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.