



MEDA 2015 Winter Business Meeting Minutes

Governor Calvert House, Annapolis, Maryland

The 2015 MEDA Winter Business Meeting was held on January 15, 2015 at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis. Board President Larry Twele, CECD called the meeting to order at 9:27 am. He reminded those in attendance that MEDA will hold its Annual Conference, April 26-28, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, Maryland. Early Bird Rates are now available.

Kim Clark, Secretary called a motion for approval to accept the minutes from the Fall 2014 Business Meeting. The motion was made by Sean Looney and seconded by Bill Cole and passed with unanimous approval without discussion.

Danny Thompson, Membership Chair reported that MEDA had 12 new members to induct into membership. This would bring the MEDA membership total to 448. The members were announced and all were accepted with unanimous approval after a motion by Sean Looney and a second by Kim Clark. Member names are available online at the MEDA web site.

Laurie Boyer, CECD, Immediate Past President, presented to the membership a request for two (2) Bylaw Changes: The first is to MEDA's Mission Statement.

Current Mission Statement: The Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) enhances the knowledge and skills of its members, and encourages partnerships and networking among people committed to bringing jobs and capital investment to Maryland.

Proposed Mission Statement: The Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) enhances the knowledge and skills of its members, encourages partnerships and networking among people committed to bringing jobs and capital to Maryland, **and promotes economic development as an investment in Maryland.**

Motioned by Sean Looney and Second by Renee Winskey all were accepted with unanimous approval

The Second Change: Currently all membership ends on June 30th, the following proposal would change this anniversary date:

Current Statement (Article I, section 2): Dues and Initiation Fees. Members shall be assessed such dues and other fees as many be determined by the Board of Directors. Membership year begins July 1. Payment of dues is required by August 1 to avoid loss of membership status.

Proposed Changed: Dues and Initiation Fees. Members shall be assessed such dues and other fees as many be determined by the Board of Directors. ***Membership year begins upon receipt of application. Payment of dues is required yearly on anniversary date to avoid loss in membership status.***

Motioned by Sean Looney and Second by Renee Winskey all were accepted with unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 am