

Minutes of MEDA Business Meeting

October 27, 2014

Rocky Gap Lodge

Cumberland, MD

MEDA Board President, Lawrence Twele, CEcD, called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m. and introduced Kimberly Clark, who offered the MEDA Secretary's Report and asked for approval of the minutes from the Summer Conference. A change was noted to the minutes as written. Dominic Murray motioned to accept the edited minutes; Bob Brennan seconded. The edited minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Daniel Thompson presented 33 new members for approval, which brought MEDA's current membership to 434. John Wasilisin motioned to approve these 33 individuals for MEDA membership; Brian Darmody seconded. All new members were approved unanimously as presented and will be posted on the MEDA website. Mr. Thompson thanked everyone on the Membership Committee for a job well done.

Larry spoke briefly about MEDA's annual spring meeting and the discussion to shift the narrative of what constitutes economic development that took place during that meeting. A new tagline – Economic Development Transforms Lives – arose from those discussions. Economic development creates opportunities, inspires innovation, and enhances communities. MEDA adapted this message to a printed card, the template of which is available to local jurisdictions throughout the state. Local jurisdictions can use their own images for the card. Anyone wishing to use the template is asked to contact Pam Ruff at MEDA.

The Maryland Association of Counties has offered the opportunity for MEDA to conduct an economic development session at MACo's upcoming winter conference. Larry opined that this is a huge step forward.

Larry adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.