

## **Proposed changes to MEDA Bylaws**

January 15, 2015

The MEDA board will propose a modification to the current mission statement at the MEDA Winter Conference in Annapolis on January 15, 2015. MEDA members in attendance will be asked to vote acceptance of this modification at that time. If you have a question or issue with the modification you can contact us at 410-347-1246 for clarification.

### **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.**

Currently all membership ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 may 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 change:**

Dues and Initiation Fees. Members shall be assessed such dues and other fees as may 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 of membership status.**