

MRPA Past-Presidents Committee

2009 Mid-Year Report

Meetings

As discussed at the committee meeting in February 2009 at the MRPA Conference in Dearborn the Past President's committee will meet as needed throughout the year; but to better utilize time commitments of committee members, will also correspond to members for issues and items and need attention via email as needed. Next projected meeting is set for February 2010.

Developments

The committee has been active in many areas while creating a presence and involvement with past MRPA presidents. Listed below are some the areas that the committee has discussed so far in 2009.

- 2010 MRPA Winter Conference:
- Strategic Planning
- DNR Bond Issue
- MRPA Hall of Fame
- MRPA Publications – Have a Guest Column in MRPA PROfessional magazine
- MRPA eblast – seek Past Presidents to submit information for eblasts

Attendees at meeting this year included:

- ✓ Chairperson Stu Alderman
- ✓ Vic Chiasson
- ✓ Ann Conklin
- ✓ Ron Davis
- ✓ Ron Olson
- ✓ Bruce Ross
- ✓ Dan Stencil
- ✓ Art Serafinski
- ✓ Tim Schreiner
- ✓ Traci Sincock

A Look Ahead

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- Provide feature articles for the association newsletter and magazine on current trends and issues in the field of parks and recreation.
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“Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs!”

MRPA Past-Presidents Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Hyatt Regency, Dearborn

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stu Alderman at 4:52 pm.

Present: Traci Sincock, Stu Alderman, Art Serafinski, Vic Chiasson, Dan Stencil, Ron Davis, Ann Conklin, Bruce Ross, Ron Olson, Tim Schreiner

Excused: Roger Coles, Eric Reickel

I. **Agenda**

Moved by Vic Chiasson, supported by Traci Sincock to accept the agenda as prepared. There was no further discussion, additions or deletions, therefore, the motion carried unanimously.

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from April 25, 2008 were accepted as written.

III. **Web Site Design:**

Chairperson Alderman gave a report on the MRPA web-site redesign. The project is expected to be launched in March. The intent is to have a special area for "This year in history"; past Horn publications, etc). Bruce Ross is to lead this project.

IV. **Committee Functions:**

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V. **MRPA Strategic Goals:**

Chairperson Alderman advised committee members that he will provide a copy of the most recent MRPA's strategic plan for their review and input. The timeline for returning reports to Stu is September 1, 2009.

VI. **Proposed MDNR Michigan Parks Passport Program:**

Ron Olson, MDNR Chief of Parks, gave an overview of the proposed program promoted by the citizens committee for state parks. Olson recommended to have dedicated funds to local agencies.

VII. Guest Columns

It was recommended that the committee members be involved in future eblasts, publications, and online Focus (if done after web site is re-vamped). Further discussion will take place on this with follow up by Alderman to committee members.

VIII. Election of Officers

By-laws stated that election for officers are to take place in the fall of even numbered years. Motion by Sincock, Second by Conklin to keep the same slate of officers as currently have for committee. Motion passed.

Stu Alderman, Chair

Bruce Ross, Vice-President

Dan Stencil, Secretary

IX. 2010 Conference Sessions

Sincock will seek some sessions to represent the Past-Presidents committee.

X. Miscellaneous Items

- o Discussion took place on a Past President to be represented on the Foundation. All were receptive to this idea and supported it.

- o Discussion also included whether that MRPA President should serve a two-year term. All were receptive to this proposal and supported future consideration.

Minutes submitted by Dan Stencil, Secretary; and Stu Alderman, Chair