

# MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

JULY 18, 2008

## MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:22 by Interim President Linda Combs.
2. **Roll call:** Present: Linda Combs, Aaron Simonton, Susan Laity, Sue Koivula, Rachel Zagaroli, Ronda Ziethlow, Conference Chair.  
Excused: Rina Chemin.  
  
**Guest:** MRPA members Dennis Schornack, Exec. Director, Mary Winegar and Gail Garber.
3. **Financial Report:** In the absence of Treasurer Tom Oosterbann, Dawn White reported the \$820 was given back to MASC from a missed filing date. Assets for MASC now stand at \$50,211.37. Motion Simonton, Support Koivula to accept as presented. Motion carried.
3. **Minutes** of the March 14, 2008 meeting were presented by Secretary Combs. Motion Koivula, Support Laity to accept. Motion carried.
4. **Correspondence:**
  - a. **MRPA –** Dennis Schornack spoke about the possibility of a future partnership with MASC Discussion with members of MRPA followed. Key topics were to start a new relationship with each organization and heal old wounds, how we can assist each other, retention of identity, conference collaboration and senior committee's and boards. Many members voiced their thoughts of a member from each group attend each others meetings and how to make MRPA more attractive to the senior centers that aren't part of Parks & Recreation. Both groups decided it is very important to share conference information and how to market to both groups. Discussion of how most senior centers are all funded differently, the various types of centers and not losing their identities. If committee member needs to contact Dennis please do so. E/M [dschornack@mrpaonline.org](mailto:dschornack@mrpaonline.org) or at 517-485-9888.
  - b. **By-laws –**Members will read over the report done by Joe Tuchinsky, Community Consulting Associates and bring back suggestions to the September meeting. Any and all changes to the by-laws would be voted on at the November State Conference. Committee must continue to use the current by-laws until changes are voted on.
  - c. **Nominating Committee –** Committee consists of Sue Laity, Sue Koivula, and Rachel Zagaroli. Letter was presented to committee to be sent out to all MASC members for nominations and due back August 1. Slate will go out after Aug 1 along with the membership list. Standing committee will remain the same with the addition of 4 officers and 13 on the board. Training committee will also be added along with Conference Chair. Due to the resignation of

President Amon, President and Vice President elect will be added to the slate.  
Moved by Simonton, Support by Sue, Motion carried.

4. **OSA Update** – OSA will be moving to their new office and the September meeting will be held there. Address is 300 Michigan Ave. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Lansing. Decision will be made at that meeting of where MASC will meet after that.

5. **Committee Reports -**

- a. **Membership** – Sue Koivula noted she received two checks for membership.

- b. **Public Relations** – Dawn had a discussion of the Web-site. Discussion board is starting to drop off. Front page of site shows SC news on the right hand side and the board page has been updated. Cruise needs to be on the agenda each month. 22 SC's have now signed up with a total of 30 people. Due date is Sept but they can continue to register all the way to March.

- c. **Conference** – Ronda is in the process of putting together the agenda and sessions with the committee (Ronda, Rachel Z, Sue K and Sue L) along with securing the keynote speaker. She has secured a sponsor for a hospitality room one evening and the committee is still looking for vendors. Linda C will prepare the Annual Report with Aaron for the conference.

- d. **Legislative** – Mark absent, no report.

- e. **Standards** – Rina absent, no report.

- f. **NISC** – CVS is working with NCOA to promote health and wellness programs at senior centers and looking for best practices from SC's. Aaron is on the committee for reviewing programming.

- g. **Advocacy** – Aaron discussed the possibility of Legislative and Advocacy to be combined and this could help us become more pro-active.

6. **Old Business** – NISC delegate – Linda Combs does not want to be the delegate for NISC. Gayle Reed has agreed to take the position for this year. Motion Simonton, Support White, Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion Simonton, Support Koivula to adjourn at 1:25 pm.  
Motion carried.

**Next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2008 at the new location**

Respectfully submitted: Rachel Zagaroli, SDC  
Interim Secretary