

MICHIGAN GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors
July 18, 2008

Meeting held at:
Two Men and a Truck International, Inc.
Conference Room A
3400 Belle Chase Way
Lansing, MI 48911

Board Members Present:

Diane Brown; Alicia Chapman; Michael Fraleigh; Michael Young; Donna Erb; Pat Fosdick; Marcia Smith-Murphy; Neelam Puri; and Georgia Callis

Board Members Present (Speakerphone):

Charlotte Bieri and Dawn Jacobs (left early the meeting at 11:03 a.m. because of other commitments)

Board Members Not Present and Excused:

Carol Henny; Suzanne Darling ; and Ron Lantz

Guests:

Michael A. Dombos and Sr. Marie Kopin

Administrator:

Barb Fisher

Call to Order:

Donna Erb, vice chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve Agenda as presented.

Moved: Diane Brown

Support: Pat Fosdick

Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of May, 2008:

Approval of the Minutes of May, 2008, was tabled until the September 2008, Board Meeting, in order for these minutes to be distributed and reviewed.

Treasurer's Report (Carol Henny - see attached Treasurer's Report):

Carol Henny was not able to attend the Board meeting. Moreover, although the a preliminary Financial Report dated June 30, 2008 was distributed, changes on the previous report ending April 30, 2008 (not distributed) needed to be made. These change will slightly modify the June 30, 2008 report. The Board decided to review and approve both reports at its September 2008 meeting.

Administrator's Report (Barb Fisher):

There are about 40 memberships up for renewal which explain the slight decrease in member in June 2008. It was noted that some, but not necessarily all, will be renewed.

Barb is in the process of reconciling the Spring conference expenses and income. She will present a report at the next Board meeting.

Guardianship DVD Sales and Distribution:

Alicia Chapman requested that the MGA Board allow the NGA to sell the DVD. Discussion followed as to the mechanism and manner through which this sale might occur. After discussion a motion was proposed as follows:

Motion:

- 1 Allow NGA to list the Guardianship DVD on its available publication list.
2. Sell the Guardianship DVD to NGA at our list price (recognizing the NGA will likely make up the DVD)
3. Require a minimum order(s) of at least 100 DVDs.

Moved: Alicia Chapman

Support: Georgia Callis

Motion carried.

Board Elections (Marcia Smith-Murphy)

The following slate was presented by the members of the Committee.

President: Michael Fraleigh

Vice President: Georgia Callis

Pat Fosdick

Secretary: Donna Erb

Treasurer: Sue Darling

After Pat Fosdick withdrew her name from the nomination slate, a motion was made to adopt the slate of officers for next year as presented.

Moved: Diane Brown

Support Neelum Puri

Motion Carried.

Members of the Board extended their appreciation and congratulations to this year's officers.

New Business:

1. Uniform Adult Protection Act.

Alicia Chapman reported on the proposed Uniform Adult Protection Act (not the complete name for the Act). Alicia shared with MGA, that NGA has written a letter of support for the enactment of this legislation throughout the U.S. Note that each state can adopt in whole or in part the Uniform Act. The Act has also been endorsed by the National Center for Guardianship Certification and the Nation Association of Probate Judges. According to Alicia, a primary issue addressed under the provisions of this Uniform Act is "kidnaping" situations. A motion to submit this matter to the Legislative Committee for review and action was made and approved. The Legislative Committee shall make present its recommendations at the next Board meeting.

Moved: Donna Erb

Support Georgia Callis

Motion Carried.

2. Bylaws

A discussion of any changes or modifications in the Bylaws was tabled until the September 2008 Board meeting as Ron Lantz was unable to be present at today's Board meeting.

Committee Reports

Communications Committee (Donna Erb):

Donna Erb shared with the Board the proposed changes in Medicaid funding for 2009. These changes would primarily impact the DD population and would involve budget of up to 60%. A letter was distributed to the Board. Donna suggested that the Board should consider and proactively address this issue. This will be further discussed at the next Board meeting.

Sr. Marie Kopin announced the changes in insurance coverage for retirees and their spouses under the GM Healthcare Plan. In short, the coverage has ended.

A letter was received from Attorney Mayoras informing MGA of her background and interest in speaking at MGA seminars. A copy was distributed to Board members. Information was also received on the Nursing Facility Transition Program as a possible topic for subsequent MGA programs. This information was shared with the Board and Barb Fisher will follow up to determine when and where these potential topic/presenters might be incorporated into a future MGA program.

Education Committee (Diane Brown):

MGA Fall Conference 2008

The MGA Fall Conference will be held on October 13 and 14 (half day) at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. This year's program will be held in conjunction with FOCUS. The program is nearly finalized with some minor details to be worked out such as obtaining speaker resumes. Michael Fraleigh confirmed his willingness to speak on Conservatorship issues. It is anticipated that the Fall conference will be informative and pertinent. Charlotte requested that information be provided to her so that she could start preparing vendor packets. Barb will do this in the near future. Also there will be one fee for the program. In the past, fees were different for family guardians as opposed to public guardians.

Membership (Dawn Jacobs):

There was no report made at this time.

Legislative Committee (Georgia Callis):

There was no legislative report.

President's Report (Donna Erb):

As previously mentioned, Donna shared information on Medicaid funding cut to the DD population.

Old Business:

Guardianship DVD Evaluation

Neelum Puri reminded the Board that as part of the funding for the DVD production, MGA is required to gauge its impact using a post evaluation. A pre evaluation was

done. Neelum and other board members will work on this evaluation and determine how it will be distributed and carried out.

Comments:

Charlotte Bieri reminded the Board that as it considers its Bylaws, the issue of a member filling an Executive position for a longer period than allowed under the terms of the Bylaws needed to be addressed and resolved so that the Board could avoid future situation as the most recent regarding the Treasurer. The Board concurred that this should be resolved as its Bylaws are evaluated. Bylaws.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Michael Young

Support: Michael Freligh

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectively submitted,

Michael A. Dombos

Important Dates:

September 19, 2008 - Board of Directors, Lansing, Michigan

October 13 and 14 - Fall Conference, Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, Michigan