

**Michigan Guardianship Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
September 17, 2010**

**Two Men and a Truck International, Inc
3400 Belle Chase Way
Lansing, Michigan 48911**

Board Members Present: Diane Brown, Georgia Callis, Sue Darling, Stephanie Day, Joy Ebig, Donna Erb, Ken Jewett, Amy Katz, Lynne McCollum, Marcia Smith and Steve Burnham

Present by Phone: Aaron Garn and Carol Henny

Board Members Not Present: Lynn McCollum

Administrator Barb Fisher Present

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:08 a.m. by President Donna Erb.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion (Darling/Burnham) approved

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to Approve July 16, 2010 minutes (Henny/Brown) approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Report dated July 1, 2010 – August 31, 2010 presented by Sue Darling

Motion to Approve (Callis/Brown) approved.

Administrator's Report:

Administrators Report dated September 17, 2010 submitted by Barbara Fisher

Communications:

- Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Member Michael Young.
- Reviewed letter dated August 4, 2010 from Livingston County Probate Court inviting MGA to participate in a committee they are convening- Guardianship and Alternatives Committee. Board expressed interest in participating.
- Letter from NGA regarding the Advisory Board on Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation being formed by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Cherie Mollison nominated to be on newly formed board.
- Discussion regarding a request to the NGA to consider changing the timing of its national conference. Basically the timing is such that many are unable to even consider attending as it coincides with the issuance of representative payee checks.

Committee Reports:

Education:

- Discussion of issues impacting MGA- Medicaid cuts, appeal process and spend down and assistive technology.
- Judges panel for upcoming conference
- D Brown requested scholarship for conference fees only- Board agreed.
- Upcoming Conferences:
 - Spring 2011- Great Wolf Lodge- Traverse City- April 21-22
 - Fall 2011- Amway Grand Rapids- October 14, 2011
 - Spring 2012- McGuires Resort- Cadillac

Public Relations:

Report by S. Day.

Finalize MGA 'vending' at the upcoming HCAM conference in Mt. Pleasant. Reviewed the giveaways (portable dvd player) and how MGA could use this as an opportunity to solicit new members and/or future attendees at MGA conferences.

Legislation: discussion about DNR orders and the ability of guardians to sign/enter into. Further discussion on drafting proposed language for legislation and the possibility of working with members from HCAM.

Old Business:

Board member Job Description approved with two additions- Title changed to Board Member Roles and Responsibility and paragraph j) changed to : Individual Board Members do not have individual authority except as that delegated by the Board, the Executive Committee or a Committee Chairperson.

HCAM Conference. Additional discussion regarding the costs associated with vending at the conference. Motion by Tope/Callis that the budget for vending at the conference be permitted to exceed the original amount of \$4,000 by up to 10%. Motion carried. Further discussion on how the costs of the printing for brochures and the banner/tablecloth should be allocated. The brochure cost would be 2/3 conference and 1/3 MGA. The tablecloth and banner would be an MGA cost as those items lent themselves to use at other venues/events.

New Business: Motion by Brown/Tope that John Fusic be approached regarding membership on the Board. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn at 11:15 by Darling/Brown. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven E Burnham, MGA Secretary