

**MICHIGAN GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Board Meeting

September 19, 2008

Two Men and a Truck International Inc.

3400 Belle Chase Way

Lansing, MI 48911

Board Members Present: Michael Fraleigh, Diane Brown, Donna Erb, Michael Young, Neelum Puri, Joy Ebig, Marcia Smith-Murphy, Alicia Chapman, Georgia Callis

Present by Phone: Carol Henny, Charlotte Bieri, Pat Fosdick

Board Members Not Present: Excused- Sue Darling, Dawn Jacobs, Ronald Lantz

Guest: Michael Dombos, Sister Marie Kopin

Consultant:

Barb Fisher

Call to Order: President Michael Fraleigh called the meeting to order at 10:06

Approval of Agenda:

Items added to the agenda: Renewal of Administrator's contract, Approval of gift for NGA conf.

Motion to approve agenda as presented

Moved: Diane Brown

Support: Donna Erb

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented

Moved: Pat Fosdick

Support: Diane Brown

Motion carried

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Moved: Alicia Chapman

Support: Diane Brown

Motion carried

Discussion on transfer of books/reports to Sue Darling

Discussion on purchasing a PassPort Hard Drive to be used by the Treasurer and computer program such as Quickens that could be passed from one treasurer to the next.

Motion: Sue Darling is to purchase a PassPort Hard Drive

Moved: Alicia Chapman

Support: Donna Erb  
Motion carried.

Motion: The treasurer will purchase an accounting package not to exceed \$200.00  
Moved: Michael Fraleigh  
Support: Michael Young  
Motion carried.

#### Administrator's Report

Paid membership is 132.  
217 Newsletters were sent in June  
No DVD's were sold since May's report

Barb proposed listing RG's and MG's on the MGA web site. Question will be asked in the next newsletter that those that are willing to be listed contact Barb. The communications committee will set the parameters of grounds that would cause a name to be removed.

#### By-Laws

Tabled until Ron is present. Suggestion was made that at the Spring Conf. that each change is voted on separately.

#### Correspondence

Georgia received an anonymous e-mail about the possibility of the number of Board members being changed.

There was no other correspondence

#### Education Committee

All available Board members are asked to meet in the lobby of the Bavarian at 5:30 on Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Introductions/ door duties were assigned. PLEASE REMEMBER WHAT YOU SIGNED UP TO DO.

Sites for the Spring Conference were discussed. Barb was given the approval to find which one would be the best deal and use her discretion in booking it.

Motion: Three scholarships will be given for the Fall, Six scholarships will be given in the Spring  
Moved: Carol Henny  
Support: Georgia Callis  
Motion carried

## Membership

Georgia informed the Board that there is an on line program called Courtview which allows on to see what guardianship companies there are and where they are located. Could be a good possibility of enlisting more members.

Neelum attended a meeting with a judge and guardians in Livingston County. They are facing financial crises and were meeting to discuss what options are available.

## Legislative Committee

Georgia pointed out that this is a budget year for the legislature and that we need to be proactive, request more than the \$60.00 a month that has been previously approved. She suggested that all guardians using DHS request a raise to \$90.00 and that this be set as a statewide fee.

Social Security can be garnisheed and is causing some of the nursing homes to hurt. Friend of the Court can be helpful.

## Communication Committee

No report at this time

## President's Report

Michael requested that Board start thinking about goals for the coming year.

## Old Business

Alicia reported that the National Guardianship Association has received two grants for training. She requested permission to send them the MGA DVD to be used.

Motion: Three DVD's may be sent to the NGA to be used in their pilot program for training.

Moved: Pat Fosdick

Support: Diane Brown

Motion carried.

## New Business

Diane Brown asked for permission to purchase a gift representing Michigan to take to the National Conference. Alicia offered to purchase a gift and take it as she is driving to Nashville and would have more room.

Motion: Alicia is allowed to purchase a gift for National not to exceed \$75.00

Moved: Donna Erb

Support: Michael Young

Motion carried.

The Administrator's contract was up for renewal on Sept. 21. There was discussion on allowing Barb to purchase a fax machine and a dedicated line for her home. Now that Sue is not at Probate getting all of the faxes is problematic.

Motion: Amend present contract to allow Barb to purchase fax/scanner/printer with a dedicated line. Line cost will be approximately \$25.00 per month.

Moved: Donna Erb

Support: Georgia Callis

Motion carried.

Motion: Approve renewal of the Administrator's contract as amended.

Motion: Donna Erb

Support: Diane Brown

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>.

Respectfully submitted

Donna J. Erb

Secretary

Registered Guardian/Educator

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**MEETING DATES FOR 2009**

**JANUARY 16**

**MARCH 13**

**MAY 15**

**JULY 17**

**SEPTEMBER 18**

**NOVEMBER 13**