

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL COURT REPORTERS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
Conference Call
Saturday, June 25, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by President Kelli Werner at 10:02 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Kelli Werner, President; Paul Brandell, President-Elect; Candy Karr, Secretary-Treasurer; Val Rissi, Senior Advisor; Melinda Dexter; Elsa Jorgensen; Darlene Fuller; Yvonne Lanz, Cheryl Anne Farmer, Executive Director

SIGN ANTITRUST DOCUMENT

Antitrust documents are to be signed by Board members and mailed or faxed to the MAPCR office.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Kelli Werner welcomed and thanked Board members for their attendance today by phone, noting the limitations of teleconferencing, but also pointing out the savings in time and expense to participants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mindy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2011, meeting. Elsa seconded the motion; motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following reports were pulled for discussion: Convention/Seminar, Fundraising, Testing/Education, Record Times, Pro Bono

Motion made by Paul to approve the remaining consent agenda items; motion seconded by Val; motion carried.

CONVENTION/SEMINAR

There is a panel discussion on contracting planned for our fall conference. Realizing that there are several differing viewpoints and factions on this issue among our membership, our desire is for discussion to be educational and not confrontational. It was pointed out there will be several Board members and NCRA representatives attending who may be able to help guide the discussion. Elsa suggested we develop guidelines and a strict format prior to the session. It was agreed that an invitation to the panel discussion should be sent to Denice Purves and Judge Talbot.

Kelli suggested we caption the keynote speaker and/or the annual meeting at the conference to showcase our skills. Paul will talk with Anissa about arranging that.

There was discussion of videotaping some sessions to be made available so members could view the sessions and earn CEUs. Kelli said she will contact Bienenstock to see if they would be willing to help with that.

Cheryl Anne reported that we will be having the presidential speech and installation of officers at the Saturday noon luncheon instead of at an evening banquet, as in the past. Because of the conference venue, Paul suggested this would be a great opportunity to try this. After some discussion it was decided that Cheryl Anne will see if our contract with the Motor City Casino will allow us to offer heavy hors d'oeuvres at the end of the last session, omitting the evening banquet. Dress would be casual.

The Euchre Tournament is scheduled for Friday evening. Since the Michigan/Michigan State football game is Saturday, it was suggested we could have a football theme Euchre party.

FUNDRAISING

Walk-a-thon – Elsa reports she has been trying to figure out how to make a walk-a-thon workable and profitable, coordinating it with a conference. Cheryl Anne indicated the earliest we would be able to organize it would be for the 2012 fall conference. Suggestions for charities included linking up with a local charity to our conference site, or contacting the Detroit Convention Bureau or Playmakers in Lansing for suggestions and contacts.

Talent show – Having a talent show was discussed as a possible fundraiser.

Store - Elsa asked for suggestions on store items for fall. Kelli suggested green bags with steno phrase and picture of a steno writer. The fancy extension cords and several other clever items sold out at the spring conference.

TESTING AND EDUCATION

We still need replacements for Matthew Dreger and Cecile Gordon for running the RPR and test prep sessions.

PRO BONO

Paul inquired if Carrie Clark-Berry is still the contact person, as there was no report from her.

RECORD TIMES

Mindy has the summer issue almost done, but requests articles be submitted for each steno "specialty." Paul will put together a "bring your concerns to MAPCR" article.

There was discussion on advantages of distributing RT in hard copy, maybe in a shorter version with advertisers. Cheryl Anne suggested a Kindle or Nook application that would give notice that the RT is available and that download is possible. We will continue to look for easier ways to get RT to our members.

A replacement editor needs to be lined up for Mindy.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no standing committee reports to consider.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Golf Outing - The golf outing was held yesterday. Paul reported good feedback; 86 golfers, good central location, and good prizes. There is no total available yet. Cheryl Anne pointed out we will need someone to run it next year if Paul is stepping back. Paul thanked Cheryl Anne for her help and says he hasn't ruled out next year. Kelli suggested we start grooming the next person to head it up.
2. Website - Cheryl Anne indicated she lacks the time she'd like to devote to the website. Kelli encouraged Board members to visit it periodically to check out updates and report any problems.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS and GENERAL ORDERS NEW BUSINESS

1. Certified LiveNote Reporter (CLR) training

We have been contacted by LiveNote to see if MAPCR would like to work with them to provide training on their software. CEUs could be earned by members for the training.

Elsa reports her feedback on the training has not been positive and it is expensive. Darlene pointed out there may not be much interest because there are generic methods of doing the same functions. Cheryl Anne said LiveNote does conduct its own one-day training events in Michigan.

Darlene said she will check into it and report back to the group. It may be a good topic for a tech education session at one of our spring training sessions.

2. Nominations

Val reported the Nominating Committee is gathering names for the Board. There are five slots to fill, maybe six. The Slate needs to be to Cheryl Anne by July 15. Val asked for names of potential members willing to serve.

3. Coalition/BOR Issue

Kelli reported that in March the "Coalition" appeared before the Board of Review, introduced themselves as an Ad Hoc Committee of MAPCR, and asked for an interpretation of the anti-contracting statute. They were told that the BOR could not interpret the law, and that they needed to get a legal opinion from an attorney.

Val pointed out that permission of the Board should have been obtained in advance, and that the "Coalition" was not authorized to represent themselves as a MAPCR committee. In the fall the group was told that any committee would be under the supervision of an appointed Board member. Paul indicated we were notified after the fact from a different source of this BOR appearance. Cheryl Anne said the coalition members were not necessarily unified in their presentation, as a few expressed dismay at the way things went.

After much discussion, the following decisions were made:

- MAPCR (Darlene, Val, Mindy, and Karen) will attempt to get an Attorney General opinion clarifying the law by working through a legislator
- The Coalition members will be contacted and advised that they are not an ad hoc committee and in the future they need to go through proper channels.

- Kelli will send an apology letter to Denice Purves (BOR), advising that MAPCR will be seeking an AG opinion.

4. Fall Town Hall Meeting
Anissa & Paul will work on this.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cheryl Anne is working to calculate the income from yesterday's golf outing; income probably exceeded budget.

Cheryl Anne asks to be informed of member achievements so congratulations may be extended.

Paul will contact Tami Smith and see how we can support her in her run for NCRA president. The vote is July 28. A MAPCR blast was suggested.

REMAINING 2010-2011 MAPCR DATES

1. **October 14, 2011**, MAPCR Board Meeting, Motor City Casino Hotel, Detroit
2. **October 14-16, 2011**, MAPCR Fall Convention, Motor City Casino Hotel, Detroit
3. **October 16, 2011**, MAPCR Board Meeting, Motor City Casino Hotel, Detroit
4. **November 5, 2011**, RMR, RPR, CBC/CP/CRR exam, Clawson, MI

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Paul; seconded by Elsa; meeting adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace M. Karr, CSR, RPR
Secretary-Treasurer