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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

President Message - August 2021

Welcome to the Mid- America IMA newsletter. We as chapters and councils are still in some turmoil with the effects of Covid-19 and reactions to it. Hopefully, we can get closer to normal as time goes on.

I am sure chapters are planning their upcoming program year. My home chapter has planned for in-person events starting with the next calendar year. We are notifying our members that we may need to change due to what's happening at that time.

The Council is planning a fall conference that will likely be a little more accessible to IL and IA members if live. We are finalizing details soon, so watch for more information.

Our next Council meeting is planned for Wednesday, September 1, 2021. I hope we can have many chapters attend electronically. See more information in the agenda.

Sincerely,

John Wieland, Council Co-President



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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

UPCOMING MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time	GoToMeeting Connection	Phone option
Wednesday, Sept 1, 2021 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Join from your computer or mobile device: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/880685597	Call: (571) 317-3122 Access code: 880-685-597 One touch: tel:+15713173122.880685597#

1. 5:30 pm – 5:35 pm	Welcome and Introductions	John	5 minutes
2. 5:35 pm – 5:45 pm	President's Report 2021-2022 MAC Board of Directors	John	5 minutes
3. 5:45 pm – 5:50 pm	Secretary's Report - approval of minutes	Martha	5 minutes
4. 5:50 pm – 5:55 pm	Treasurer's report - Financial statements & Budget	Erin	5 minutes
5. 5:55 pm – 6:00 pm	Co-President Report MEF Grant Council Award of Excellence	Harlan	5 minutes
6. 6:00 pm – 6:25 pm	CGCR Rep and Regional Directors	Dave and all	25 minutes
7. 6:25 pm – 6:30 pm	Break		5 minutes
8. 6:30 pm – 6:40 pm	VP – Communications Newsletter Due Date Council Website	Eric	10 minutes
9. 6:40 pm – 7:00 pm	VP - Education Student Conference Student Chapter Outreach Fall Education Conference 9/21/21	Bruce/ Dave	20 minutes
10. 7:00 pm – 7:05 pm	Bylaws Committee report	Rick	5 minutes
11. 7:05 pm – 7:10 pm	Committee Reports Long Range Planning Nominating National Board of Regents	Harlan/Dave /Bruce/Erin	5 minutes
12. 7:10 pm – 7:15 pm	Old Business Action items	Martha	5 minutes
13. 7:15 pm – 7:20 pm	New Business		5 minutes
14. 7:20 pm – 7:25 pm	Past Presidents		5 minutes
15. 7:25 pm	Adjournment		



2021-2022 COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD POSITION	NAME, CHAPTER
Co-Presidents	*Rick Bellmore, Winnebagoland *John Wieland, Winnebagoland
President-Elect	OPEN
Secretary	Martha Paalman, Winnebagoland
Treasurer	Royce Hix, Greater Milwaukee
VP-Communications / Webmaster	Eric Griffin, Madison
General Director	*Erin Ankebrant, Greater Milwaukee
General Director	Denise Bouska, Waterloo-Cedar Falls
General Director	*Sheryl Elliott, Fox River Valley
General Director	*Harlan Fuller, Central Illinois
General Director	*Bruce Hamilton, Madison
General Director	*William Ramsay, Winnebagoland
General Director	*Dave Skora, Madison
	* = Past President of the Council
COMMITTEES	
Councils & Global Components Roundtable Rep	Erin Ankebrant, Greater Milwaukee
Bylaws Committee	Rick Bellmore, Winnebagoland
Long-Range Planning Committee (most senior active Past President)	Rick Bellmore, Winnebagoland
Nominating Committee	Bruce Hamilton, Madison
Advisory Committee (all active Past Council Presidents)	Erin Ankebrant, Greater Milwaukee
REGIONAL DIRECTOR CHAPTER ASSIGNMENTS	
Calumet	Dave Skora, Madison
Cedar Rapids	Dave Skora, Madison
Central Illinois	Harlan Fuller, Central Illinois
Chicago	Erin Ankebrant, Greater Milwaukee
Dubuque Tri-State	Sheryl Elliott, Fox River Valley
Fox River Valley	Royce Hix, Greater Milwaukee
Greater Milwaukee	Royce Hix, Greater Milwaukee
Heart of Wisconsin	John Wieland, Winnebagoland
Illowa	Bruce Hamilton, Madison
Madison	Eric Griffin, Madison
Packerland	Rick Bellmore, Winnebagoland
Waterloo-Cedar Falls	Denise Bouska, Waterloo-Cedar Falls
Winnebagoland	Martha Paalman, Winnebagoland



IMA Mid-America Council Board Meeting
Conference Call Only
April 26, 2021

MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 26

ATTENDANCE

Table with 3 columns: NAME, CHAPTER, MAC POSITION. Lists attendees including Martha Paalman, Bruce Hamilton, Colleen Srnka, Dave Skora, Harlan Fuller, Royce Hix, Sheryl Elliott, Denise Bouska, Eric Griffin, and Rick Bellmore.

Quorum gut check – 5 voting attendees from at least 3 different chapters – PASS!

Dave called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

SECRETARY – Martha Paalman

The minutes from the January 23, 2021 Mid-America Council board meeting were previously emailed to the board and included in the April council newsletter. Motion to approve these minutes was made by Sheryl and seconded by Denise. Motion passed.

TREASURER – Erin Ankebrant (Absent)

Financial Statements for QE 3/31/21

Copies of the April Treasurer’s Reports were not available at this meeting and Erin wasn’t in attendance.

Financials for FY20 and through Q3 of FY21 were distributed to the board via email by Bruce on 1/25/21. Approvals were held via email. 6 approvals, no dissenting votes received. Statements approved.

\$500 Grant for Fall Conference

Not sure if we got this grant or not. Erin was to send in the information to Global.

Annual Review of Financials FY19 & FY20

No update – neither Erin nor John were on the call.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

Calumet (Dave Skora): Dave has been in touch with them. They’ve held virtual events, have a well-established board, have begun planning for next year.

Cedar Rapids (Dave Skora): Chapter has been inactive this year. Dave has talked with them about reactivating next year. Small amount of interest, but they’ll need at least five new board members. Dave has reached out to Amy for Global help soliciting volunteers.

Central Illinois (Harlan Fuller): Haven’t had a lot of chapter activity outside of student/university support.



Chicago (Erin Ankebrant – absent, Dave reported): Held a virtual meet and greet recently. Continue to collaborate with Calumet on joint events.

Dubuque Tri-State (Sheryl Elliott): Sheryl hasn't gotten a response from them yet. She will reach out again and Denise will try and help.

Fox River Valley (Royce Hix): Royce hasn't heard much from them. Sheryl suggested a different contact person and Royce will follow up. Sheryl thinks they're struggling with getting people to volunteer. Virtual meeting format didn't help their situation.

Greater Milwaukee (Royce Hix): Struggling with people to be on the board. Virtual meetings are not ideal for the chapter's vision and mission. Awaiting the re-opening to in-person events.

Heart of WI (John Wieland - absent): No report, but we know they've been struggling this year

Illowa (Sheryl Elliott): They haven't had any meetings this year – they weren't able to do virtual meetings.

Madison (Eric Griffin): No meetings held after January. Have been promoting Global and Council events.

Packerland (Rick Bellmore): Next meeting is this coming Thursday. Looking to start setting up planning process for next year soon.

Waterloo-Cedar Falls (Bruce Hamilton – Denise reported): Board for next year has been submitted. No spring meeting – kind of ran out of energy. Recent ethics meeting had good attendance.

Winnebagoland (Martha Paalman): Final meeting of the year is in May. Board for next year has been submitted, first planning meeting is on the calendar. The chapter has done a great job of keeping the momentum and engagement up via virtual events over the past year+.

VP-COMMUNICATIONS and DIRECTOR OF NEWSLETTER – Eric Griffin

The next council meeting will be on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 9AM. This meeting is currently planned as an in-person meeting, dependent on Global and/or local restrictions. Location TBD. The newsletter deadline will be Tuesday, July 6th.

VP-EDUCATION – OPEN (Bruce/Dave)

Spring Conference Recap

Friday's Conference Attendance:

Session 1: ~100

Session 2: ~116

Session 3: ~110

Representation from at least 16 states and 2 international attendees.

Having a virtual conference with three different speakers was a little complicated and required a lot of coordination, but everything went well.

Fall Conference Planning

Planning for an in-person conference format.

Location: IL – find a location that's South/West of our normal spots to incorporate our new Iowa chapters. Quad Cities?

Date: September (TBD, probably a Friday)

CPE: 6-7

Topics:

Bitcoin Part II



Speaker from Global
Hybrid work environment – tax implications
Green New Deal
Business Analytics, hands-on experience – Power BI, Tableau
Ethics

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws Committee – Rick Bellmore

Last update completed 1/26/2019, next update due by 6/30/2024

Council bylaws were reviewed - no changes needed regarding the elimination of collecting dues from member chapters and holding investments.

Nominating Committee – Bruce/Dave

FY22 Nominating Committee: Harlan, Bruce, Dave, Rick

Dave presented the board that has been submitted for next program year:

Officers:

- Co-President Rick Bellmore
- Co-President John Wieland
- Secretary Martha Paalman
- Treasurer Royce Hix
- Webmaster Eric Griffin
- VP Communication Eric Griffin
- General Director Bruce Hamilton
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- WinnebagoLand Martha Paalman



OLD BUSINESS

Previous Action Items:

1. Student Chapters associated with new chapters? Tell Eric so he can add to the website – Dave/Bruce, waiting on Amy R
2. Think about speaker/topic ideas for future conference events. – All
3. Complete annual “Review” of Council Financials (FY19 and FY20) – John
4. Send email blast to academic members about the endorsement project – Eric/Harlan
5. Send out YE financial statements to the board – Erin **DONE**
6. Investigate how to submit the council funding form for the September Educational Conference – Erin
7. Distribute Q1 financials to the board when they are completed – Erin **DONE**
8. Can we take voluntary contributions from our chapters? Erin will ask Global.
9. Send communication on new grant program policy to chapter presidents - Dave/Eric **DONE**
10. Send Q2 financials reviewed at this meeting to the board – Bruce **DONE**
11. Cedar Rapids – plan to get the chapter restarted? - Dave
12. Confirm no issues with recording and distributing the spring conference speaker’s presentation – Dave **DONE**
13. Do we need to amend the bylaws for chapter dues or investment changes? Rick **DONE**
14. Create/Send council survey about conferences – Use the Visa gift card the council already has as a raffle item for respondents – Eric. On Hold - Discuss again when we do in person events?

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAST PRESIDENTS)

NO REPORT

MOTION TO ADJOURN – meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM.
Motion to adjourn by Bruce, seconded by Harlan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Paalman, Council Secretary

Action Items

1. How do we communicate with the Dubuque Chapter – they were the ones who requested moving to our council and we haven’t been able to make contact. - Sheryl
2. Make some inquiries about potential venues in Quad Cities area for the Fall Educational Conference – Bruce
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