

MAT Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
1:00 p.m. September 12, 2024
Holiday Inn & Suites, St Cloud MN

The MAT Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Board President Jill Hall.

Directors present: Sandy Hooker, Rex Edge, Donnel Williamson, Kevin Comnick, Vance Bachmann, Mel Milender, Tammy Carlson, Reno Wells, Jill Hall, Tiffany Lesmeister-Knott, and Frank Hard. Director Lyle Stai was in attendance via zoom.

Staff present: Lori Stalker, Admin Assistant/Lead Trainer, Jeff Krueger, Executive Director and Steve Fenske, General Counsel. President Jill Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Hooker, second by Carlson to approve the Regular Agenda. **Carried**.

Director Hard presented the treasurer reports for July and August as follows:

Balances as of July 31, 2024; Highland Bank – Cash = \$390,380.06; BMO Liquid Cash = \$675,725.48; BMO Investments = \$4,646,514.10; Total monies as of July 31, 2024, = \$5,712,619.64. **Motion** by Carlson, second by Hooker to approve the treasurer's report. **Carried**. **Motion** by Wells, second by Carlson to approve the bills paid in August and approve the bills yet to be paid. **Carried**. **Motion** by Edge, second by Carlson to approve the July Credit Card statement. **Carried**.

Balances as of August 31, 2024; Highland Bank – Cash = \$168,931.65; BMO Liquid Cash = \$487,879.83; BMO Investments = \$4,881,179.95; Total monies as of August 31, 2024, = \$5,537,991.43. **Motion** by Comnick, second by Hooker to approve the treasurer's report. **Carried**. **Motion** by Edge, second by Hooker to approve the bills paid in September and pay the bills yet to be paid. **Carried**. **Motion** by Edge, second by Hooker to approve the August Credit Card statement. **Carried**.

Motion by Wells, second by Carlson to approve the minutes from the July meeting. **Carried**.

In-House Counsel Graham Berg-Moberg will present a legislative report at the L&R event on September 13, 2024.

Executive Director Jeff Krueger presented his report to the board. **Motion** by Milender, second by Carlson to open communications with all states involved in our multi-state event to ensure that every attempt is made to continue with the annual multi-state conference. **Carried**.

Motion by Carlson, second by Hooker to approve the 2-year lobbying contract with Fredrickson & Byron. **Carried** with eight (8) in favor, two (2) opposed and two (2) abstaining.

Motion by Milender, second by Comnick to ask General Counsel Steve Fenske, to provide a statement regarding the MAT Logo as it pertains to the new MN Flag, for Directors to have ready if and/when the question arises. **Carried**.

Motion by Wells, second by Edge for the board to go into closed session at 3:09pm, for litigation and human resources issues.

Carried.

Motion by Wells, second by Comnick to return to open session at 5:14pm.

Motion by Bachmann, second by Wells to approve the MATIT contract/policy, MAT Organizational Chart and Job Description for MATIT Department Head.

Voting will be taken at the reconvened meeting at 8:30am, Friday, September 13th.

Motion by Carlson, second by Hooker to decline the resolution from Redwood County regarding by-law changes. **Carried** with eight (8) in favor and four (4) opposed.

Motion by Bachmann, second by Comnick to recess the meeting to reconvene at 8:30am, Friday, September 13, 2024.

The meeting recessed at 5:35pm.

President Jill Hall called the reconvened meeting to order at 8:30am. All board members excluding Lyle Stai, were present.

Director Stai was absent.

The motion by Bachmann made at the meeting yesterday, September 12th, to approve the MATIT contract/policy, MAT Organizational Chart and MATIT Department Head job description was approved unanimously. Director Milender had concerns and asked that MATIT present reports monthly to the MAT Board.

All Directors agreed.

There is a vacancy on the MATIT Trustee board. Director Milender and Director Carlson have shown interest in the position.

After a secret ballot, Director Carlson was chosen. **Motion** by Edge, second by Hooker to destroy the ballots. **Carried**.

Director Hard asked the Board to Assist MATIT in collecting \$370,000 in outstanding insurance costs. President Hall asked for all who still had confidential information from yesterday to turn into her.

Motion by Milender, second by Comnick to fill the District 4 Director Position as quickly as possible. **Carried**. The Board would like a status update on this process at the October Board meeting.

Motion Bachmann, second by Comnick to adjourn the meeting at 8:50am. Meeting adjourned.

3-month calendar:

September 13th – L & R/St Cloud

October 17th – Board Meeting

November 21st- Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Stalker, Administrative Assistant/Lead Trainer

Reconvened minutes submitted by Director Wells on behalf of Director Hooker