MAT Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
8:30 a.m. January 16, 2025
Hybrid – MAT Office in St Michael and Zoom

The MAT Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Board President Jill Hall.
Board members present in person, Kevin Comnick, Mel Milender, Donell Williamson, Tammy Carlson, Sandy Hooker, Frank Hard, Tiffany Lesmeister-Knott, and Jill Hall.
Board members present via zoom; Lyle Stai, Reno Wells, Rex Edge, and Vance Bachmann.
Staff present in person, Executive Director Jeff Krueger, General Counsel Steve Fenske, Finance Manager Jessica Petersen, and Training Manager Lori Stalker.

Motion by Hooker, second by Stai to approve the agenda. Director Carlson would like to add discussion regarding the Carver County Unit meeting she attended with Jeff and Steve. Director Comnick would like a discussion regarding board committee assignments. **Carried.**

Director Hard presented the treasurer's report. Balances as of December 31, 2024: Highland Bank – Cash = $136,174.77; BMO Wealth Management, Liquid Cash= $440,018.24; BMO Wealth Management, Investments = $4,691,725.20. Total general operation monies = $5,267,918.21. Motion by Hooker, second by Stai to approve the treasurer's report. **Carried.**
Motion Comnick, second by Hooker to approve the bills already paid and pay the bills not yet paid. **Carried.**
Motion by Comnick, second by Hooker to approve the credit card statement. After discussion, motion carried with one opposed. **Motion** by Wells, second by Milender to not purchase alcoholic products for the Annual Conference, we will have to rely on donations. **Carried.**
Motion by Comnick, second by Wells to approve when travelling on MAT business and choosing your seat on the flight, the expense will be allowed and covered by MAT. **Carried.**
After discussion regarding how much MAT should have in reserves in the event of catastrophic events, **motion** by Comnick, second by Carlson to table the discussion until the February meeting for the board to have time to research information on non-profits. **Carried.**
Minutes from the December board meeting were discussed. After changes made to the minutes regarding a recognition gift and the scholarship question for 2026. **Motion** by Wells, second by Carlson to approve the December minutes with the amendments. **Carried.**
Executive Director Krueger presented a brief legislative update.
Executive Director Krueger presented his report. Discussion included a new logo design for MAT.
General Counsel Fenske updated the board regarding the FBI investigation into the stolen funds.
Motion by Wells, second by Comnick to move into closed session at 10:09am to discuss litigation and personnel issues. **Carried.**
Back to open session at 10:58am.

Motion by Hooker, second by Stai to remove board assignments 1-6 from policy 100. A roll call vote was requested.
Dist. 1=Yes; Dist.2=Yes; Dist.3=No; Dist.5=No; Dist.6=Yes; Dist. 7=Yes; Dist. 8=Yes; Dist. 9=No; Dist. 10= No; Dist. 11=Yes; Dist. 12=No; Dist. 13=Yes. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 5 opposed.
Motion by Wells, second by Stai to call the question.

Motion by Milender, second by Comnick to table this discussion until next month. A roll call vote was requested.
Dist. 1=No; Dist. 2=No; Dist. 3=Yes; Dist. 5=Yes; Dist. 6=No; Dist. 7=No; Dist. 8=Yes; Dist. 9=Yes; Dist. 10=Yes; Dist. 11=No; Dist. 12=Yes; Dist. 13=No. Tied vote; motion fails.

Motion by Wells, second by Stai to call the question.

Motion by Lesmeister-Knott, second by Carlson to create a new policy pertaining to standing committees and ad hoc committees. **Carried**

Motion by Wells, second by Bachmann to adjourn at 11:53am. A roll call vote was requested.
Dist. 1=Yes; Dist. 2=No; Dist. 3=No; Dist. 5=No; Dist. 6=Yes; Dist. 7=No; Dist. 8=No; Dist. 9=Yes; Dist. 10=No; Dist. 11=Yes; Dist. 12=No; Dist. 13=Yes. **Motion failed.**

Motion by Wells, second by Stai to disburse with outside committee reports and director reports. **Carried.**

Director Carlson presented to the board a request received from the Carver County Township Association meeting. They are requesting to postpone the district 4 election until April and offer mail-in voting.

Motion by Comnick, second by Wells to not change any of the processes already in place for the district 4 Special Election. **Carried.**

Motion by Comnick, second by Carlson to adjourn at 12:54pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Stalker, Administrative Assistant/Lead Trainer