

MASCOE Board Meeting  
June 6, 2017

The MASCOE Board of Directors met at the Missouri State FSA Office in Columbia, Missouri on June 6, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Jared Singer at 9:30 a.m.

Members present were:

District 2:	Blake Conrad Debbie Leeper	Linn Caldwell
District 3:	Patty Lambert Tina Young	Macon Macon
District 4:	Jared Singer	Saline
District 5:	Randon Leathers Barb Denker	Cooper Moniteau
District 6:	Sheria Yancey	Franklin/Jefferson

Also in attendance: Jessica Claypole, Peyton Turnage

President Singer determined a quorum was not present for the meeting. Therefore, voting was not conducted for official business items.

**Review Meeting Minutes**

President Singer called for review of the minutes from the March 15, 2017 Board Meeting. Members discussed amending the minutes to include the next scheduled annual meeting on the afternoon of July 31, 2017 at Embassy Suites in St. Charles, in conjunction with the NASCOE National Convention. Minutes will be amended as such and voted on at the next board meeting.

Members discussed the annual election for the board. Sheria Yancey will work on proposed redistricting and delegation revisions to the current by-law and present to membership for review 7 days prior to the annual meeting on July 31. Proposed changes will be voted on at the annual meeting. Election of 2017-2018 Board Members will be held in September or October. Therefore, the current board will remain in effect until that time. Randon Leathers suggested that during the review period prior to the annual meeting, members could email or contact their respective board representative directly with feedback if they are not able to attend the July 31 session.

**Treasurer's Report**

Barb Denker presented the treasurer's report and informed members of recent expenses. One final deposit will be due for transportation expense for National Convention, and the fourth and final payment to the Embassy Suites will be due the first week of July. Currently, the convention fund stands at \$22,318.91 and the general fund stands at \$28,622.32.

For the grand prize drawing at National Convention, a pre-paid gift card in the amount of \$3500 will be issued and the winner can decide how to use it. Barb will work with Central Bank to make arrangements for the gift card.

## **Old Business**

### **a. Committee Reports**

The following committee reports were presented to the board:

Awards – Debbie Leeper reported on recent retirements, including Kirby Payne in Daviess County, for more than 30 years of service on June 2. Members discussed ordering plaques for two Distinguished Service Award winners for Missouri. Debbie will contact Ron Highley to get them ordered. There was additional discussion about mailing certificates for those employees with 29 years of service or less, instead of mailing a framed document. Recently, frames were broken when shipped in the mail. Moving forward, frames will not be included as part of the certificate awards.

Audits & Budget – Kristy Gray and Patty Lambert will work on the audit and budget report to present at the board meeting in September or October.

Benefits – No New Business

Legislative – Jared Singer reported in Mandi Bird's absence regarding the initiative from the NASCOE Executive Board for outreach to local Congressional representatives. Additional information and instructions will be forthcoming.

Membership – Members discussed the option of setting up automatic withdrawal for associate members and contacting these members to let them know this is an option.

Negotiations – No new business

Programs – Jared Singer reported on one program item, which is detailed in the "Meeting with STO Management" section under "New Business".

Publicity – Jared Singer reported in Abby Inglis's absence on the summer newsletter, to be issued later in June or in July.

Scholarship – Tina Young discussed the recent activity for scholarships. Steve Morrison attended the awards ceremony for Jacob Smith and presented him with the \$500

traditional scholarship award from MASCOE. Mandi Bird presented the open-continuing scholarship in the amount of \$500 to Amber Gray at the Dekalb County office. Tina Young attended the graduation for Lane Wolfe to present him with the MASCOE grandchildren scholarship award and the National grandchildren scholarship, both in the amount of \$500. Tina prepared a final report for 2017 scholarships, which will be posted to the MASCOE website.

Webpage – No new business

**b. National Convention Report**

Randon Leathers announced the need for registration and raffle ticket sales and sponsorships. Currently, 17 delegates are registered and approximately 150 registrations have come in, with the total number of attendees expected to be close to 400. Anheuser-Busch is the only tour that is required to be prepaid. Monsanto requires a background check for all tour participants. Randon suggested at least 2 committee members attend each tour. Participants must register in order to attend the silent auction. There is a significant need to get registrations in as soon as possible to account for tour participants and evening activities. The COTs are slated to be at the convention and can serve as volunteers where needed. Randon reported there is no update on the COC luncheon and likely won't be until budget is finalized. Jared Singer confirmed that committee chairs will be responsible for getting volunteers for their respective committees and tasks throughout the week. Floaters are in high demand and will be needed throughout the week. Iowa figured about 40 volunteers at their convention. Jared also reported that the Taste of Missouri event had been put on hold due to budgetary constraints. Members discussed a joint effort with Mandi Bird and Jessica Claypole to coordinate the wine pull as no one had been appointed for this specific Task. An email was sent to Missouri membership for silent auction auctions, but the email did not get to all states, so an additional email will go out to state presidents asking for 2 silent auction items. Additional contacts are being made for sponsorships. Some issues have been encountered with regards to our classification as a non-profit, but not a charitable. Members agreed that Missouri should allocate some funds for scholarship items. This item will be voted on at our next National Convention Conference Call. A DJ is scheduled for Thursday night in conjunction with live auction. Wednesday night will be an open meet-and-greet at the hotel. Friday evening will be pub crawl and Saturday evening is the banquet. Transportation and hotel shuttle will be available for pub crawl participants. Other transportation is confirmed, with the exception of youth activities. Blake Conrad reported that A-1 cab company will no longer be used. School buses will likely be the best option for youth tours to accommodate for multiple participants. The pub crawl will be limited to 300 participants. Rebecca Malter will work on getting some gift certificates and/or appetizers arranged for the evening. Members were encouraged to promote the \$25 Thursday session special pricing, which is open to all membership, and Missouri members will be reimbursed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2017 at the Embassy Suites & St. Charles Convention Center at 10:30 a.m. Additional National Convention committee chairs will also be invited to attend.

### **New Business**

#### **a. IT Steering Committee Report**

President Singer informed the board that he sat on the IT Steering Committee in place of NASCOE Publicity Chairperson Kristal Rater, as appointed by NASCOE President Wes Daniels. The meeting was held at the Beacon Building in Kansas City and many members of management were present. System availability was the biggest issue last year so improvements have been made to decrease system downtime and improve troubleshooting techniques. This year, imagery, GIS & GPS were the main issues to be addressed. WebTA was also discussed with regards to alphabetizing codes and shading line items for easier use and increased efficiency within the application. The EDW has also been released and has many positive and functional capabilities for county office use.

#### **b. Meeting with STO Management**

President Singer presented the board with a proposal from the Executive Board to meet with Missouri FSA management to present concerns related to the recent CRP review process. The four main concerns were presented to the board for review and consideration/concurrence. Discussion about additional concerns regarding training were noted and the document will be revised to include such items. The final document will be sent to management, and an updated version with State Office response and agreement will be provided to membership upon conclusion of the meeting, which will likely occur in the next few weeks.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next board meeting will be held July 26, 2017, 10:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica A Claypole  
2016-17 MASCOE Secretary