



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2011**

Present: Jeff Eckel, George Ashton, Eric Wachsman, David Rawle, Katherine Magruder, Deborah Parrish, Terry Daly, Jill Sorensen, Malcolm Woolf, Carol Collins, Jeremy Butz

Absent: Ken Connolly, Isaac Opalinsky

- Ms. Magruder asked the Board to approve \$20,000 to pay Bjorn Frogner for another day each week for approximately a full fiscal year to work specifically for MCEC. The amount would come out of the contingency line item leaving \$2700. A discussion ensued.

A motion was made and passed to approve the \$20,000 expenditure to pay Frogner. Wachsman, Sorensen, Collins, Eckel, and Collins voted in favor. Butz opposed and Woolf abstained. The motion passed with notes to have Frogner find ways to pay for himself and the Center.

- Ms. Magruder spoke to the next item on the agenda – Local Funding Assistance Project Review & Approval. She stated that each project on the list had been reviewed by DOE and vetted by MEA for the needed technical requirements, which included the Maryland Trust Review and, in some cases, a NEPA ES-1 form.
- Ms. Magruder went back to the language of the budget, which is under scrutiny in the legislature, and was supposed to have used half of the money for local assistance. She stated that she thought it would be wise to fund the projects now that it is clear there are good projects out there.

A motion was made and passed to approve the list of Local Funding Assistance projects and to redirect money within the Consumer Outreach & Education Grant to fund the projects. Mr. Butz abstained.

- Ms. Magruder addressed the subject of the summit venue. The two strongest bids came from Marriott UMUC and Bethesda North Marriott. Further, the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development is willing to commit to a \$5K sponsorship if MCEC selects Bethesda North Marriott. Magruder recommended selecting Bethesda North Marriott.

A motion was made and passed by consensus to approve the contract with the Bethesda North Marriott for the 2011 Summit.

Woolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Butz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.