

TCMA Board of Directors meeting of April 11, 2023

Embassy Suites Hotel, Murfreesboro

Minutes

In attendance: President Kim Foster, Vice President David Smoak, Secretary Jay Evans, Director Jennifer Moody, Director Chris McCartt, Past President Tim Ellis

1. President Foster called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. On a Smoak motion, Ellis second with all members voting yes, the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2022, were approved.
3. Angie Carrier, MTAS Program Manager, was in attendance and made a presentation asking the Board to work in partnership with MTAS and Public Entity Partners on a focus-group program to be held the day before the Fall Conference in Knoxville. TCMA would supply the room for the group, at no cost to the Association, and would help to register regular TCMA members for the event. It was noted that the event is not TCMA sponsored, and MTAS and PEP will pay all costs associated with the event. On an Ellis motion, Moody second with all members voting yes, it was decided to support the event as described above.
4. The Board heard a report from President Foster regarding ICMA action taken on the ethics issue surrounding former TCMA member Joshua Ray. As Mr. Ray is no longer a TCMA member it was decided that no action was necessary at this time.
5. After much discussion, on a Smoak motion, Evans second with all members voting in the affirmative, it was decided that sponsors should not be a part of formal conference educational programming.
6. On a Smoak motion, Evans second, with all members voting in the affirmative except Chris McCartt, who abstained, it was decided to request that Truist Bank and U.S. Bank add Chris McCartt as a second name on each of the TCMA accounts.
7. Executive Director Pat Hardy presented the FY 2021-22 audit which was completed and had no findings.
8. On a McCartt motion, Smoak second with all members voting in the affirmative, Resolution 23-01 was approved, adopting the FY 2023-24 budget in the amount of \$174,950.
9. Discussion was held concerning the location of the Spring 2026 Conference. The Board directed Mr. Hardy to solicit RFPs from hotels in the Cookeville to Knoxville area, as well as from Opryland and other hotels outside downtown Nashville. There should be a \$200 cap on the attendee room rate.

10. Mr. Hardy was asked to come up with new language for the Life Membership category. Such language should reflect that active members can nominate someone for such membership and that a past TCMA President shall automatically be considered for Life Membership when they become otherwise eligible for such category.
  
11. Mr. Hardy presented the Executive Director's report highlighting conference and social event numbers, announcing the TCMA Monday event in conjunction with the ICMA Annual Conference, presenting a thank-you note from Earlene Teaster, giving an update on the website redesign process, and soliciting a discussion about the Batcave, including correspondence with Ted Rogers. After much discussion it was decided that for one year there should be no event on Thursday nights of the conference.
  
12. There being no other business, on an Ellis motion, McCartt second with all members voting yes, the meeting was adjourned.