



MWCA Annual Winter Meeting

Date: December 19, 2013

Time: 10 am – 2:30 pm

Location: Monticello WorkForce Center

Attendees:

Carol Anderson, Ron Antony, Deb Bahr-Helgen, Shirley Barnes, Patricia Brady, Barbara Chaffee, Robert Crawford, Barb Dahl, Joan Danielson, Rod Franks, Snady Foriland, Rick Greene, Diane Halvorson, Mike Haney, John Herges, Mark Jacobs, Wen Jansen, Randy Johnson, Anne Kilzer, Nancy Kircher, Juanita Lauritsen, DeWayne Mareck, Heather Peper, Don Peterson, Corrine Shepherd, Trish Taylor, Cathy Weik, Kathy Zavala

Minutes

Motion to approve agenda: Don Peterson moved; Barbara Chaffee seconded. Motion approved.

Update from DEED's Workforce Development Leadership.

Deputy Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly and Workforce Development Division Director Tom Norman gave an update on DEED's current and future workforce development activities. DEED Development Conference will occur on January 22, 2014.

Workforce Alignment Project Progress and Next Steps

Jaime Simonson, MnSCU and Beth Kessler, McKinsey & Company walked through a powerpoint presentation. Handouts provided.

Governor's Workforce Development Council: Update and Introduction of new Staff

Chair Inez Wildwood and Director Connie Ireland gave an overview of DEED's current and upcoming projects.

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce: Grow Minnesota!

Bill Blazar presented the results of Grow Minnesota! Visits conducted to date. Powerpoint available.

Interactive Discussion: the Future of Minnesota's Workforce System

Participants were broken up into groups to discuss three questions: What is the Workforce System currently doing that deserves additional attention or resources? What is one thing the Workforce System is currently doing that we should do less of or cease doing all together? What is one thing you resolve to do in the next year to further the work of your board?

Results were collected.

MWCA Business Meeting

- Ratify State, Federal Platforms. Legislative Chair Randy Johnson gave an overview of the Legislative Committee's recommendations for the Federal Platform. Discussion ensued. Mike Haney moved adoption of the Federal Platform with agreed upon changes. Barb Chaffee seconded. Motion approved. Chair Johnson gave an overview of the Committee's recommendations for the State Platform. Discussion ensued. Mike Haney moved approval of the State Platform with agreed upon changes. Barb Chaffee seconded. Motion approved.
- Executive Committee Discussion. Mark Jacobs recommended MWCA suspend the by-laws and elect Cathy Weik as Chair of the Executive Committee for one additional year. Rick Greene moved that the by-laws be suspended to elect Cathy Weik as Chair of the Executive Committee for one additional year. Shirley Barnes seconded. Motioned approved.
- Other Updates: Cathy Weik informed the group that the NAWB Executive Committee will meet in Minnesota on August 7-9. The MWCA Annual Summer meeting will be held in a location which will allow for both groups to interact and share activities. Barbara Chaffee recognized the Operations Committee Chairs from the previous three years; Deb Bahr-Helgen, Kathy Zavala and Randy Johnson.

Mike Haney moved that the meeting adjourn at 2:17 pm. Trish Taylor seconded. Meeting adjourned.