

**Minnesota County Recorders Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.  
Special Meeting  
Phone Conference**

**Present:** Darby Bowen, Susan Roth, Jennifer Wagenius, Betti Kamolz, Mary Ann DeGroot, Lynn Ette Schrupp, Michelle Ashe, Kathy Conlon and Mona Hammer

**Darby Bowen called the meeting to order.**

**Item on the Agenda:** 2014 Recorder's Conference

**Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were not given for this phone conference.**

**Discussion:**

Susan indicated that the contract with Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge in Deerwood, MN will be signed soon. There is an increase in rates due to an 18% service charge that is new. It was suggested that Kathy Conlon look over the contract before signing as she is familiar with different clauses that appear in contracts. Susan will send a save the date email to everyone so they will know when and where the conference will take place.

Susan asked for suggestions on topics and speakers that we would like. She sent out a list to the board prior to the meeting. Discussion followed with several good ideas from her list. Everyone agreed that we would like to bring back John Crudele the motivational speaker that we had last year. There is a deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup> to get the list of speakers to EWALD. Lynn Ette suggested we keep in mind that the recipient of the MCRA Honors Award should be scheduled close to the date of the banquet so he or she would still be in attendance.

The association had gotten feedback from one of the vendors indicating that they would like to see a shorter time frame for the vendors to be present. They indicated they were not in favor of having to stamp or initial a card because that was not productive for them. Jennifer suggested we do something called Pecha Kucha in which each vendor would have 20 slides to present with 20 seconds per slide. The vendors could then come on Wednesday have lunch, the banquet meal and breakfast the next morning and be able to leave when they wished on Thursday.

Mary Ann requested that anyone attending the conference for just the Vitals session must pay at the door if they have not paid earlier. It is taking too much time to collect the fees later. Lunch should be provided with the Vitals session so that the resort would get some benefit for having the extra attendees.

Susan indicated that she was thinking of having "County Strong" as the theme for the conference. When asked for ideas on the entertainment, Michelle suggested GL Berg Entertainment from St. Cloud. She indicated they were good to work with and had a wide variety of entertainment to choose from. There were suggestions of giving 5 lbs. weights or ankle weights, name tags in the shape of the counties and having a contest of who can name the most counties in the state. To get to know more of the recorders Lynn Ette brought up the idea of distributing a sheet asking you to find the name and location of each recorder's favorite restaurant in their county.

Darby will set up a meeting for the Executive Board sometime after the Real Estate Institute to further discuss the conference.

Motion was made by Mary Ann DeGroot and seconded by Betti Kamolz to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mona Hammer".

Mona Hammer  
Secretary  
Minnesota County Recorder's Association