

MACO WINTER CONFERENCE
MARRIOTT SOUTHWEST
MINNETONKA MN
JANUARY 9TH THRU JANUARY 12TH, 2007

The winter conference opened with the introduction to EWALD CONSULTING. EWALD CONSULTING will be the MACO consulting firm. They will be in charge of doing the lobbying for all three organizations; Auditors, Auditor/Treasurers and Recorders, along with the spring and fall training sessions and keeping our education certificates up to date.

Each organization met throughout the conference with educational breakout sessions.

Recorder's Business meeting was held on Thursday Afternoon, January 11th, from 2 to 4:30.

Jeff Aitkin opened the business meeting at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kris Basilica Bunny distributed the Secretary's report from Summer Conference and the October 30th Executive board meeting held in St Cloud. Time was given to read through it. A motion was made by Kari and seconded by Thora to accept the secretary's report as given.

Mary Ann gave the Treasurer's report for 2006. The 2006-year end balance \$53,625.03. Odyssey Certificate of Deposit was at \$31,689.64, bringing a total balance to \$85,314.67. An audit committee consisting of Jim Johnson and Joy Sing, had audited and approved the Treasurer's financial books and statement for 2006.

Bev Bauer and the By-laws committee brought up that since there is not an Abstract Committee anymore, this committee should be omitted from the Recorder's Association By-laws. A discussion was held and it was decided to bring this to a vote in June at the summer conference business meeting.

Michelle reported that A Torrens workshop had been held in October of 2006, and that it was well attended. The Torrens committee was working on making some of the Torrens language more clearly in the statutes.

Julie had spoke earlier in conference on Vitals. She had stated that sometime in February, there should be a new State Registrar hired. Linda Loftus was still acting registrar and she had spoke along with Cheryl earlier. They were working on some changes in the marriage statue, and a possible fee change.

Jeff welcomed all the new Recorders. He had them stand and state what county they were in. In the last 2 years, there have been over 15 Recorder's that have retired with replacements either appointed or newly elected. Congratulations and Welcome!!

Not a whole lot of 2007 new legislation being brought forward. The appointment Vs elected bill is still surfacing. The surveyors had some legislations that they are working on. The Recorders did not have much; some language clarification, marriage language for vitals with a possible fee change.

There are no new developments with the Secretary of State's office. Mark Ritchie is the new Minnesota Secretary of State. He spoke earlier in the conference stating that he is looking forward to working with everyone, and he plans on traveling around the state getting to know each county office.

Darlene and Kari stated that they were having a New Recorders' session on Monday and Tuesday of the Summer Conference in Moorhead.

Several PREP groups held meetings throughout the year, meeting around the State. A reminder that the minutes for these meetings should go into the National PRIA website.

District Meetings

A discussion was held on the district meetings and PREP. Some were holding quarterly PREP meeting in conjunction with their district meetings. Others were having meetings more often. It was decided that with all the newly appointed and elected recorder's , we should hold meeting more frequently. Jeanine suggested that current recorders get in touch with the surrounding new recorders and mentor them, call them up and see how things are going, bring them to meetings and conferences, etc. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

2007 CONFERENCE-HOSTED BY BONNIE REHDER
IT'S WILD WILD WEST TIME-Leave your stuffy professional wear at HOME!!!
You're going to Moorhead to the Courtyard by Marriott

2008 SUMMER CONFERENCE-HOSTED BY KRIS BASILICI
Rutgers Sugar Lake

2009 SUMMER CONFERENCE-HOSTED BY JOEL BOECKMAN
Place to be announced

Old Business

Jim Johnson made a motion to thank Mary Ann DeGroot for a well presented Treasurer's report.

Jeanine stated that the 2006 MACO dues would not be paid

New Business

Someone brought up that some of the court systems are now online and that Abstractor can now do judgment searches by remote access

Election of Officers

Jeanine explained the order of business for the election of officers for the new recorders.

A nomination was made for Mary Ann Degroot to be Treasurer

Joel Beckman made a motion, seconded by Mike Cunniff for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous vote for Mary Ann DeGroot for Treasurer

A nomination was made for Kathy Dietz to be Secretary. Joel Beckman made a motion and seconded by Kris Basilici for nominations to cease and to cast a a unanimous ballot for Kathy Dietz as secretary.

A nomination was made for Michelle Ashe for Third Vice President. Joel Beckman made a motion, seconded by Bev Bauer for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Michelle Ashe as Third Vice President.

A nomination was made for Joel Beckman for Second Vice President. A motion was made by Sue Alberts and seconded by Kathy Racek to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Joel Beckman as second Vice President.

A nomination was made for Kris Basilici to be First Vice President. Sue Alberts made a motion, seconded by Larry Unger for nominations to cease and to cast A unanimous ballot for Kris Basilici to be First Vice President.

A motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Joel to accept all nominations.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business meeting. Upon adjournment, the new officers were officially sworn in.

Respectfully submitted

Bunny Johnston
Kathy Dietz

Bunny (Elda Mae) Johnston, Morrison County Recorder
Kathy Dietz, Secretary

MINNESOTA COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 through December 31, 2005

EXPENSES

		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
1.	<u>MACO Regional Educ. Expense</u>	\$3,000	\$2,000.00
2.	<u>Summer Workshop/Seminar</u>	9,000	17,401.22
	mileage	226.80	
	speaker/entertainment	2,839.21	
	supplies	2,335.57	
	hotel fees	11,999.64	
3.	<u>Executive Board</u>	2,000	967.14
	mileage	642.02	
	supplies	325.12	
4.	<u>COMMITTEES</u>		
	<u>A. Legislative</u>	3,000	6,169.21
	mileage	4,966.23	
	lodging	858.28	
	supplies	344.70	
	<u>B. Certification & Education</u>	1,000	1,666.47
	Supplies	1,666.47	
	<u>C. UCC</u>	1,000	0
	<u>D. Committee of the Future</u>	500	0
	<u>E. By-laws</u>	100	0
	<u>F. Vitals</u>	1,000	436.90
	mileage	436.90	
	<u>G. Abstract</u>	800	0
	<u>H. Torrens</u>	1,000	601.64
	mileage	95.58	
	lodging	438.75	
	supplies	67.31	
	<u>I. Historian</u>	100	0
	<u>J. Conference Search</u>	100	0
	<u>K. MRESA</u>	800	867.09
	mileage	353.86	
	lodging	109.13	
	supplies	404.10	
	<u>L. ERER</u>	2,000	0

5.	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		1,000	1,154.79
	supplies	1,154.79		
6.	<u>Secretary, Treasurer Honorarium</u>		1,000	1,000.00
7.	<u>President - National Convention</u>		1,500	0
8.	<u>District Chairs</u>		800	661.05
	mileage	661.05		
9.	<u>Uniform Conveyance Blanks</u>		500	697.84
	mileage	697.84		
10.	<u>Webmaster</u>		2,000	75.00
	supplies	75.00		
		TOTALS	\$31,200	\$34,344.23

REVENUE

1.	Checking Account Interest	\$ 236.49
2.	MACO 2005 Convention Income	8,700.00
3.	Summer Workshop	30,505.00
4.	New Recorder Workshop	2,625.00
5.	Torrens Workshop	2,800.00
6.	Miscellaneous	<u>120.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$44,858.09

Checking account balance as of 12-31-05 \$45,513.67

Odyssey C/D as of 12-31-05 \$31,203.37

SPECIAL AUDIT, APRIL 18, 2006
MCRA AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT
CHANGING TREASURER POSITION

Year 2005

Jeffery Aitken President
Minnesota County Recorders Association

Wabasha County, Minnesota
County

We have examined the reports, checked receipts and examined disbursements of the Treasurer of the Minnesota County Recorders Association for the period of -

January 1, 2005 To January 1, 2006

It is our opinion that the records correctly reflect the income and expense of the Association for the period above stated -

With the following exceptions and or recommendations:

We question check #1217 for \$52.25 to Nancy Huff, a gift for Lucy. We questioned if this should have been approved before hand and if it was appropriate for Lucy to accept this gift.

We recommend any bills and expenses to be paid to be submitted in a timely fashion. They should be turned in monthly and the ones in December must be in as close to the last day of year as possible or they will not be paid. (No holding bills & expenses)

We recommend that the Treasurer be paid more than \$500.00 a year. Possibly \$750 to \$1000.00 per year.

Submitted:

Jana V. Johnson
Harry J. Meyer
David Sosa
MCRA Audit Committee

Jay Sing

MINNESOTA COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOCIATION

2006 BUDGET

1. MACO Regional Educ. Expense	\$2,500
2. Summer Workshop/Seminar	10,500
3. Executive Board Expense	3,000
4. Committees:	
a. Legislative	3,000
b. Certification & Education	3,000
c. UCC	500
d. Committee of the Future/Web Site	2,500
e. By-laws	100
f. Vitals	2,000
g. Abstract	800
h. Torrens	1,000
i. Historian	100
j. Conference search	300
k. MRESA	1,000
l. ERER	2,000
Committees total: \$32,300	
5. Miscellaneous	1,000
6. Sec'y./Treas. Honorarium	1,000
7. President – national convention	1,500
8. District chairs	2,000
9. Uniform Convey. Blanks	1,000
TOTAL	\$38,800

Minnesota County Recordors Association

Financial Report
December 31, 2006

Checking Account Balance on 01-01-2006 \$ 45,513.67

Income

Summer Conference Registration	\$ 19,550.00	
Vendor Conference Registration	\$ 5,800.00	
Meal Reimbursements	\$ 455.04	
Misc.	\$ 98.00	
Interest Earned	\$ 289.95	
Refund from Bonding Co.	\$ 326.03	
Torrens Workshop	\$ 3,400.00	
Total Income		\$ 29,919.02
		\$ 75,432.69

Expenses

Summer Conference	\$ 8,236.13	
Executive Board	\$ 1,429.61	
Legislative Committee	\$ 3,434.41	
Certification & Education	\$ -	
UCC	\$ -	
Committee of the Future/Website	\$ 75.00	
Bylaws	\$ -	
Vital Statistics	\$ 133.50	
Abstract	\$ -	
Torrens	\$ 854.27	
Historian	\$ -	
Conference Search	\$ 128.00	
MRESA , PREP & PRIA	\$ 806.26	
ERER, E-Counties & MACATFO	\$ 2,228.16	
Misc.	\$ 1,201.66	
Secretary/Treasurer Honorariums	\$ 1,000.00	
Uniform Conveyance Blanks	\$ 1,430.66	
Association Dues	\$ 850.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 21,807.66

Checking Account \$ 53,625.03

Odyssey Certificate of Deposit \$ 31,689.64

\$ 85,314.67

**MINNESOTA COUNTY RECORDERS ASSOCIATION
2007 BUDGET**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
1. MACO Regional Education Expense	\$ 2,500.00	
2. Summer Workshop/Seminar	\$ 10,500.00	
3. Executive Board Expense	\$ 3,000.00	
4. Committees:		
a. Legislative	\$ 3,000.00	
b. Certification & Education	\$ 3,000.00	
c. UCC	\$ 500.00	
d. Committee of the Future/Web Site	\$ 2,500.00	
e. By-laws/Resolution	\$ 100.00	
f. Vitals	\$ 1,500.00	
g. Audit	\$ -	
h. Torrens	\$ 1,000.00	
i. Historian	\$ 100.00	
j. Conference search	\$ 300.00	
k. MRESA, PREP & PRIA	\$ 1,000.00	
l. ERER, E-Counties & MACATFO	\$ 2,000.00	
Committee Totals	\$ 15,000.00	
5. Miscellaneous	\$ 1,500.00	
6. Secretary/Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 1,500.00	
7. President - National Convention	\$ 4,000.00	
8. District Chair	\$ 2,000.00	
9. Uniform Conveyance Blanks	\$ 1,500.00	
10. Association Dues - MRESA & PRIA	\$ 850.00	
11. Accounting & Tax Preparation	\$ 2,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 44,350.00	

<p style="text-align:center">MINNESOTA COUNTY RECORDER'S ASSOCIATION 2007 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM</p>
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STATE BILL POSITIONS:

MN STATUTE 505 – Plats – A redraft of the statute is being proposed by several state surveyor groups for the 2007 session.

Recorders Association Official Position: The MCRA Legislative Committee will continue to monitor the new drafts as they are developed by the surveyor associations. The MN Bar Association, MCRA and the surveyor associations will collectively review any new legislation.

MN STATUTE 508 – Torrens – Proposed updates for conformity of fees was suggested.

Recorders Association Official Position: MCRA Torren's Committee will review 508 and 508A in conjunction with the MN Bar Association and Title Examiners. Legislation will not be addressed until a comprehensive review is completed during 2007.

MN STATUTE 138.17 – Image Storage – The Office of Enterprise Technology is proposing to remove the optical disk language from the act.

Recorders Association Official Position: The MCRA Legislative Committee will monitor the progress as not to affect or burden county technology storage process.

MN STATUTE 517 – Marriages – The MACO Vital Statistics Committee is proposing language changes to updating and clarifying verbiage, re-establishing the fee for filing minister ordination/license papers, and the creation of a central data base for marriage applications funded by the fee for the certified marriage certificate.

Recorder's Association Official Position: The MCRA is in favor of the changes in the proposed legislation and would support the introduction and passage of the amendment.

Submitted by:

LynnEtte Schrupp, McLeod County Recorder

Kay Wrucke, Martin County Recorder

MCRA Legislative Co-Chairs

Adopted by MCRA Executive Board on October 16, 2006