

The UMECRA conference call board meeting was called to order by President Theresa Meyer at 6:35 pm CST on January 11, 2018. Also attending were board members Bruce Birr, Tony Troyer, Jon Wagner, Lisa Germann, Bill Suskey, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Dr. Wes Elford, Maxine Bernsdorf, and Jan Sasena.

The first topic discussed was the status of trail grants, and Bruce reported that no new grant requests had been received since our November board meeting, but that one which was approved then had yet to be sent out and he would do that soon. Jon stated that a grant request would almost certainly be forthcoming from the North Kettle Moraine group.

Next discussed was the status of e-voting for Rider Reps. Bill gave the statistics on how many "ballots" were sent out (337), the number viewed (182), and the number who voted (146), with 3 opting out of future e-vote emails. Voting is allowed through January 15, and the results are not known until the voting deadline passes. Bill is to keep the results unbroadcast until the convention.

Also brought up was any feedback received on the non-use of "member cards", and neither Nicole or Bruce had heard anything negative from anyone.

The topic of membership strategies was postponed to a later meeting.

Meeting procedures for the upcoming convention were discussed, and the consensus was that the guidelines and procedures used last year worked very well, so they will be followed again this year. They are listed on our web site. Dr. Wes has the voting 'paddles' and colored papers for voting, and will bring them to the convention.

The topic of having a table where people could sign up to be members was discussed. There are several people who are willing to staff that table, and Bruce is to have member forms and 1000-mile horse forms available for that. After some discussion, it was felt that there would be several people available (who were not voting delegates) to handle the vote counting at the convention.

Items which were briefly discussed to be put on the agenda for the March board meeting were handling and tracking of \$ for awards, and the 100-mile horse program. Other discussion and/or clarifications related to what to include in packets for the meeting, the numbers to have printed and available, and who is responsible for providing them.

Adjournment took place at 7:42 pm CST upon approved motion of Tony Troyer and second by Dr. Wes Elford.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Bruce A. Birr, Sec-Treas