



2016 ANNUAL FALL BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Hilton Promenade Hotel

Branson, Missouri

October 13-14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Benefiel who welcomed all members and guests.

President Benefiel asked for a roll call. Secretary/Treasurer Ray Silvey reported that a quorum had been met.

There was a motion made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the 2016 Spring Meeting. The motion carried and the minutes stood as received via e-mail.

Secretary/Treasurer Silvey gave the Treasurer's report, stating that the current checking account balance stood at \$19,311.25.

Committee Reports:

Missouri Hall of Honors—Chairman Ron Thompson announced that it was time to nominate individuals for the various awards. A new Audit Chairman will be appointed and the audit report will be submitted at the 2017 Spring Meeting.

Missouri Dairy Growth Council—Chairman Ron Thompson reviewed the Missouri Dairy Scholars Scholarship Program and explained the eligibility qualifications. A handout describing this program was given to each member present.

Legislative—Chairman Chris Hackman announced that the veto session was held on September 14, 2016. There were 19 vetoed bills which could be considered, with only 15 taken up. Twelve of the vetoed bills were overridden. Bill SB 641, which exempted payments from certain agriculture insurance programs from state income taxes, was overridden. Because of this bill and others that affected state revenue, the governor announced that he would withhold a portion of the appropriation for the Dairy Revitalization program.

Another override that could affect the dairy industry is HB 1713, which provided for two additional members of the Clean Water Commission, one representing industry and the other representing agriculture. The new law will give business interests a majority on the board over the "public" members. It is not anticipated to affect the dairy industry.

Membership—Secretary/Treasurer Silvey announced that the Association currently has 82 associate members, 14 regular members and 2 honorary members.

Scholarship—Committee member Chris Hackman gave an update on the Kansas State Harold Roberts Scholarship Fund. He reported that the balance stood at \$24,017.19 and that there is a one-time 5% fee when the funds were deposited and the interest has accumulated since July 1, 2016. It is anticipated awarding the first \$1,000 scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year.

Brent McCauley gave an update on the Don Kuhlman Scholarship Fund. It was announced that there will be a University of Missouri scholarship donor recognition dinner on Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

Audit—Doug Pratt, Audit Chairman, was absent and it was announced that he was resigning from this position. A new Audit Chairman will be appointed and the audit report will be submitted at the 2017 Spring Meeting.

Correspondence—Secretary/Treasurer Silvey acknowledged several letters of gratitude from University of Missouri and Kansas State University student recipients of scholarship funds from MDPA.

Old Business/New Business—President Benefiel called for any Old Business. There being none, he called for any New Business. Kathy Broniecki gave a report on the MDPA website sponsorships and updates on the MDPA database.

There was discussion on the time and location for the 2017 Spring Meeting. It was decided the meeting will be held at The Lodge of Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks, commencing on May 30 to June 2, 2017.

President Benefiel called for any more Old Business. There being none, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray N. Silvey
Secretary/Treasurer