

**MAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

A General Membership Meeting was held in conjunction with DECD's CDBG Appreciation Day at the American Legion in Augusta on Friday, August 15, 2003 from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Members present:

Peter Lyford
Ron Harriman
Tony Levesque
Joella McBreairty

Michael Baran
Al Smith
Lynn Paul

MCDA WELCOME: Peter Lyford welcomed all attendees and briefly described the purpose and goals of the Maine Community Development Association.

- I. TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Harriman reported that as of July 31, 2003, the financial status of MCDA was:
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| Total revenues: | \$2,325 |
| Total expenditures: | <u>\$3,619</u> |
| Net Loss | (1,384) |

The Overall Account Balance To Date is: \$14,831.00

Tony Levesque moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Al Smith. The vote was unanimously in favor.

- II. MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 6: Joella McBreairty reported that unfortunately meeting minutes had not been received by any member and therefore were not prepared to report on the meeting minutes. Tony Levesque moved to table the meeting minutes until the next meeting; seconded by Al Smith. Tony also reported briefly on the June 6 meeting. There were approximately 26 attendees. Mike Baran updated members on the 2004 Program Statement. The Town of Fort Fairfield had invited someone from the Province of New Brunswick in order to hold a discussion on community and economic development. This was very interesting. While there are many similarities in the programs, there are also some differences.

- III. TENTATIVE PLANS FOR MMA CONVENTION: The MMA Convention will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on October 8-10, 2003. MCDA will share a booth (#78) with DECD on Thursday, October 9, 2003. The tentative agenda for MCDA on Thursday, October 9 is as follows:

9:00 a.m.	Forum on Current Issues Facing Communities
10:30 a.m.	Downtown Revitalization Issues – Introduction of the Maine Downtown Center
12:00 noon	MCDA Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Travelodge
2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Session on Homeland Security – Cosponsored with Maine Fire Chief's Association

- IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Committee is made up of Tony Levesque, Lynn Paul, Ron Harriman, Chuck Morgan and Al Smith (Chairperson). The Nominating Committee is tasked with presenting nominations to serve on the Executive Board .

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- V. 2003 COSCDA CONFERENCE: This year's conference will be held in California. The registration fee is \$575. The anticipated overall cost for attending this conference will be approximately \$1,800. Al Smith moved to authorize Ron Harriman to attend on behalf of MCDA; seconded by Tony Levesque. The vote was unanimously in favor.
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS: Peter Lyford reported that in April, 2003, MCDA met regarding strategic planning for the association. As a result, subcommittees were formed to focus on specific issues; i.e. communications, membership, professional development, advocacy, and finance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by,

Joella R. McBreairty
Secretary