

MRPA Executive Director Report

Monday, December 15, 2008

MRPA Fall Workshop

- 33 members 2 non members
- 10 lunch only
- Total revenue = \$1425 – total expense \$1710.20 = (\$285.20)
- Post conference survey revealed that those who attended (and responded to the survey) felt the effort was worthwhile as was the association with MAHPERD. Those who did not attend (and replied to the survey) revealed that there were scheduling conflicts primarily with the concurrence of election day.

Spring Conference

- Samoset 2009 confirmed dates April 27&28
- Committee is together and work has begun (just) on creating the annual event.
- Board members are requested to participate in helping to define the “theme”, overall content goals, and input regarding speakers.
- Interesting opportunity with Belfast ME regarding conference. See letter.

NERC

- It was discovered that our citizen board member on NERC may not be eligible to serve. It would appear that he is neither a member of MRPA or NRPA. I have contacted him to work toward resolution.

Constant Contact

- I initiated a free 60 day trial membership and uploaded 91 names – all department directors and the MRPA board members, for receipt of this trial e-newsletter. Response has been positive so far.
- This format is more accessible than the newsletter we have been producing. I encourage the board to authorize this change of format and proceed with this as our primary form of information dissemination.
- On authorization to proceed the remaining membership can be uploaded and the software enables self additions.

Web hosted management solutions

- Microsoft Live Office solution meets most of our current needs at a very attractive rate – (free)

Publication Contact

- Assuming a green light on the email newsletter, I propose contracting with one of several agencies that produce glossy trade magazines. This would be a quarterly document. These outfits chase down the advertising, and pay for all parts of the production, to include postage at no cost to our association.
 - I will check with other states but so far I have been contacted by two to three outfits that other state associations are using.

Legislative Action

- NCLI – Action anticipated in 111th Congress
- LWCF – Renewed emphasis on local energies may translate into significant increases in coastal drilling, which theoretically would translate into greater funding for LWCF. We will have to aggressively defend the legacy of LWCF as this new chapter unfolds.

LAST CALL – Recreation in Recession – how will an economic downturn of epic proportions affect our agencies and the profession? Stay Tuned