

**MASWM**  
**DRAFT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2009**  
**Lodge of the Four Seasons – Lake Ozark**

- I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER; 8:53 A.M.** by MASWM President, **Bill Barr** (*Camdenton*) with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**President Barr** (*Camdenton*) started the meeting by again welcoming the large representation in attendance!

II. **MEETING ATTENDANCE HISTORY**

YEAR 2008

YEAR 2009

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38 workshops w/ 8 Associates	JANUARY	<b>41 Workshops w/ 9 Associates, Guests, Staff</b>
45 workshops w/ 9 Associates	APRIL	<b>41 Workshops w/7 Associates, Guests, &amp; Staff</b>
27 workshops w/ 5 Associates	JULY	
39 workshops w/ 5 Associates	OCTOBER	

III. **GUESTS/ASSOCIATES IN ATTENDANCE**

**Fulvio Franzi**, *Director, Extended Employment (E.E.) Sheltered Workshops;*  
**Gary Schneider** - *DESE Area Technical Field Supervisor*  
**Leslie Miles**, *Assoc Members with A.J. Gallagher/Admin for S.W.I.M.*

IV. **MINUTES:** Presented by Secretary Robert Engemann (*Marthasville*)

Minutes were presented from the Wednesday, January 27, 2009 General Membership meeting in Jefferson City. **Randy Hylton** (*Liberty*) made a motion to accept minutes as presented, **Lon Little** (*Fulton*) seconded the motion. No further discussion, motion carried.

V. **TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Dee Froneberger (*Affton /STL County*)

*Treasurer Froneberger (STL County)* presented a handout showing the MASWM Financial/Revenue Statement and Cash position as of 3/31/09. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report into the Minutes was made by **Bruce Young** (*Columbia*), 2nd by **Ginger Williams** (*Farmington*).

**The '10 Operating Budget** was discussed and proposed by Treasurer Froneberger. The Board discussed "replenishing" the Reserve funds expended due to the lawsuit. The Board proposed increasing the Membership Dues rate. Treasurer Dee and the Executive Committee (*Pres Barr, VP Koch, and Secretary Engemann*) presented a Budget recommended by the Board of Directors **with Dues of \$5.00/per DESE census, with a two (2) year "Sunset provision" that would bring the Dues back to \$4.00 at the end of Fiscal 6/30/2011.** It is felt two (2) years should sufficiently replenish the Reserve Funds Account for future needs.

**A motion to adopt the proposed 6/30/10 Operating Budget , which includes assessing the \$5.00 dues w/ Sunset Provisions** was made by **Randy Hylton** (*Liberty*), **seconded by Eric Giebler** (*Sullivan*). Motion passed.

VI. **DESE, E.E. SHELTERED WORKSHOPS REPORT – Fulvio Franzi, Director, Extended Employment Sheltered Workshops**

Fulvio's Report is attached to the Minutes as a matter of record:  
Fulvio's Full Report can be found on the DESE EESW Website:

<http://www.dese.mo.gov/divspeced/shelteredworkshops/documents/MASWM4-6-09.pdf>

**Fulvio** reported that depending on how and when the lawsuit is addressed there could be a 5-wk shortfall in funding. Currently, because of the bad weather and slowdown in work, there is a \$700,000 surplus.

**Fulvio** also reported that there will be a New Manager's Training on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson City.

**Lindsay Thomas** presented a Training/Demonstration yesterday with an online hook-up of the EESW Website and the proper utilization to access the information. *Great Job Lindsay!*  
Fulvio mentioned that some major changes on the Website will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

## VII. LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS REPORTS – Richard “Mo” McCullough

“Mo” was unavailable as he was walking the halls of the Capitol keeping abreast of ever changing issues.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### A. Legislative Committee – Randy Hylton, Chairperson (*Liberty*)

**Randy** Reported that things are “moving” at the Capitol. We hope to hear the ruling soon from Circuit Court Judge Callahan on the lawsuit. He reported that the \$24,786,000... and then it was thrown out by the Senate Committee Chair. Everyone was reminded to keep up the word to both the Senate and the House about our need for the full funding in HB-2.

Randy reported that the TFS funds for the position has been reinstated in DESE’s Budget (Chuck Reade’s vacancy), as well as E&E for travel mileage, etc.

**Eric Giebler** (*Sullivan*) suggested creating a “list” (*ex: parents, workshop Board members, associates, Friends of the sheltered workshops, etc.*) for E-mail broadcasts and quick dissemination of urgent/time sensitive information. He will survey members and work on collecting info for this project.

### B. Marketing Committee – Randy Hylton (*Liberty*)

**Randy** Reported that a “**Special**” **MASWM Newsletter** was prepared and sent to the Legislators and Governor’s Administration staff in light of the Governor’s great comments at the inaugural address. We are also considering doing the MASWM Newsletter on line for the managers to print themselves as needed to reduce printing costs. Everyone is still encouraged to send in photos and stories about their respective workshops for future articles to **website editor, Dale Garrison** at [editor@moworkshops.org](mailto:editor@moworkshops.org).

Also proposed was some training on “Legislative Protocol” and effective grassroots “lobbying.”

Note our **MASWM Website**: [www.moworkshops.org](http://www.moworkshops.org)

### C. Training Committee – Aaron Martin (*Grandview/KC*)

President Barr expressed his thanks to past Training Chairperson, **Rob Libera** (*Manchester/STL County*) for doing a great job while chairing this Committee the past year.

President Barr appointed Aaron Martin as the new chairperson.

**Summer Regional Trainings** are being finalized as to date and locations and coordinated with: MASWM/SWIM/DESE/Mo Rural Services from **Fulvio** and SWIM’s **Alan Schmitt** (*AJ Gallagher*). Aaron will be working on a Program for the **Fall/October MASWM Meeting** training also.

It is still planned for each Area Director to hold a “**Summer AREA/REGIONAL Meeting**” possible with a neighboring Area, to discuss issues local to their respective region/part of the state.

### D. Membership Committee – Dee Froneyberger (*Afton/STL County*)

**Dee** reported that there are **41 Workshops in attendance**, or 44% considering the current stressed economic conditions on the workshops. **President Barr** stated that all understand the hardship brought upon a number of the workshops by this downturn, and thanked the members present who were able to make the meeting and take part in the valuable networking at these meetings.

**E. Conference Committee – Vice President Bob Koch (Washington)**

**Dates for the upcoming MASWM conferences are as follows:**

- **Summer '09** – Area Mtgs and Safety Training; Plus the Board will be meeting **TBA**
- **Autumn '09** – **October 5, 6, 7** (Mon – Wed), '09 – *Chateau-on-the-Lake*, Branson
- **Winter '10** – **January 26 & 27** (Tues & Wed.) '10 - *Trumann Hotel*, Jefferson City
- **Spring '10** - **April 7, 8, 9<sup>th</sup>** (Wed-Thurs-Fri) *Lodge of the Four Seasons*

**F. OTHER “MASWM” REPORTS - S.W.I.M. - Sheltered Workshop Insurance of Missouri - Leslie Miles, VP, AJ Gallagher (Associate Member/Administrator for S.W.I.M.)**

On behalf of the Association President Barr **thanked Leslie and S.W.I.M. for underwriting the Banquet last evening and the breakfast this morning!**

Leslie reported that there will be an **Annual Meeting in Columbia on May 29<sup>th</sup>** at the *Holiday inn Executive Center*.

SWIM is also reimbursing to its members who attend this Summer's Combined Safety Training \$50 per person attending, up to \$250 per member workshop, as last year.

Leslie reported that the Payroll Audit was completed and that member workshops will be receiving either a check refund, or an invoice for their additional assessment.

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussed was the **recent challenge by U.S. Senator Harkin (D) of the Title 14c of the DOL Wage & Hour that authorizes our “Commensurate Wage.”** This is due to an isolated unethical situation in Iowa. **Would be catastrophic to Missouri's EE Sheltered Workshop Program!** To be monitored closely. Several national organizations are on top of this issue.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS: none**

**President Barr** asked if there was any further business or if anyone had anything additional to discuss. Being no further business or discussions, Pres Barr entertained a motion for adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by **Ginger Williams (Farmington)**, seconded by **Eric Giebler (Sullivan)**, being no further discussion, motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:57am, Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

**Respectfully,**

**Robert B. Engemann (Marthasville),**  
Recording Secretary