

The Mid Shore Regional Council held a scheduled Executive Board meeting on December 8, 2016 at the Hyatt in Cambridge Maryland. This meeting took place immediately prior to the MSRC full board meeting and joint luncheon. MSRC Executive members in attendance were: Allen Nelson, Dan Franklin, Ricky Travers, Kurt Fuchs, Walter Chase and Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio. MSRC staff present was Scott Warner and Terry Deighan.

Chairman Chase called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Mr. Warner was in possession of electronic votes from Gale Nashold and Dirck Bartlett who could not attend in person due to other obligations.

*Approval of May 27, 2016 Minutes*

The first order of business was to obtain approval for the May 27, 2016 minutes. Mr. Fuchs made a motion to approve, Mr. Franklin seconded the motion. Chairman Chase asked for any further discussion, being none; he stated all in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights, ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

*Approval of May 27, 2016 Closed Executive Session Minutes*

The next order of business was to approve the closed executive session minutes from May 27, 2016. Mr. Franklin made a motion to approve, that motion was seconded by Mr. Fuchs. Chairman Chase asked for any further discussion, being none; he stated all in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights, ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

*Ratification of electronic vote "Recommendation for Scott Warner to continue to serve as the Mid-Shore Regional Council's Member Delegate to the Maryland Broadband Cooperative, Inc." and "Recommendation for Scott Warner to be nominated to the Maryland Broadband Cooperative's Board of Directors for a two-year term."*

Mr. Warner stated an electronic vote initiated on August 24, 2016, resulted in eight responses from the Executive Board. All were in support of accepting both recommendations. Mr. Franklin made a motion to ratify, Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated all in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights, ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

*Ratification of electronic vote “Resolution accepting the MTA FY17 MTA Coordination Grant”*

Mr. Warner stated an electronic vote initiated on November 22, 2016, resulted in six responses from the Executive Board. All were in support of accepting the grant. Mr. Fuchs made a motion to ratify, Mr. Franklin seconded the motion. Chairman Chase stated all in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights, ayes have it. Motion carried unanimously.

*Discuss/approve recommendation of the 2017 MSRC Executive Board*

Mr. Warner reminded the Board Members of the automatic changes to the Vice Chair positions that occur due to the MSRC By-Laws. They are 1st Vice Chair will be Talbot County, 2nd Vice Chair will be Dorchester County, and 3rd Vice Chair will be Caroline County. After a brief discussion the following 2017 MSRC Executive Board slate was proposed.

- Chairman: Walter Chase
- First Vice-Chairman: Dirck Bartlett (Talbot)
- Second Vice-Chairman: Ricky Travers (Dorchester)
- Third Vice-Chairman: Dan Franklin (Caroline)
- Secretary: Allen Nelson
- Treasurer: Kurt Fuchs
- General Assembly: Christopher Adams
- Member-at-large: Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio
- Member-at-large: James Redman

Mr. Fuchs made a motion to accept the slate as presented, that motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson. Chairman Chase asked for any further discussion, being none; he stated all in favor signify by stating aye; those opposed have the same rights, ayes have it. The slate was passed unanimously. This proposed slate will be presented to the full Council at their meeting immediately following this Executive Board meeting for their approval.

Letters of endorsement sent by MSRC

Mr. Warner reminded the Executive Board of letters they approved the Council send since their last face-to-face meeting. Copies are included in the packets for reference. He also informed them of their awards if know.

- Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center grant application to Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF)
  - This request by ESEC required a quick turnaround, Mr. Warner sent email to Executive Board on 8/12/16, and the Executive Board was fine with sending. ESEC was awarded \$66,808 (Entrepreneurship)

- Eastern Shore Innovation Center (ESIC) grant application to RMPIF
  - This request by ESIC also required a quick turnaround, Mr. Warner sent email to Executive Board on 8/12/16, and Executive Board was fine with sending. ESIC was awarded \$77,531 (Entrepreneurship)
- Delmarva Community Services (DCS) grant application to RMPIF
  - Received five responses from the Executive Board regarding sending a support letter. All were in favor of sending.
  - DCS was awarded \$58,263 (Health Care)
- Mr. Warner shared the following other RMPIF awards granted to organizations in the mid-shore region. The MSRC was not requested to send letters for these grant applications.
  - Town of Denton \$48,000 (Infrastructure)
  - Town of Preston \$76,675 (Infrastructure)
  - Maryland Rural Development Corporation \$18,000 (Entrepreneurship)
  - Eastern Shore & Western Shore Area Health Education Centers \$51,282 (Health Care)
- Denton Storm water Retrofit Study grant application to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
  - Received six responses from the Executive Board regarding sending a support letter. All were in favor of sending.
- Eastern Shore Harvest Directory grant application to USDA Rural Development
  - Received seven responses from the Executive Board regarding sending a support letter. All were in favor of sending.
- Eastern Shore Innovation Center grant applications to USDA Rural Development
  - This request was for redundant fiber connection and a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF).
  - Received five responses from the Executive Board regarding sending a support letter. All were in favor of sending.

Member comments/requests

None

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.