

Draft - To be approved at Annual Meeting June 28, 2012

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

**June 30, 2011**

**Annual Meeting**

**Best Western Hotel and Conference Center**

**451 WMC Drive, Westminster, MD 21158**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Present: C. John Sullivan, III, Gail Yeiser, John Stump, Jr., Martha Clark, Jane P. Brown, Hank Doong, Richard McCrobie, Joan Myers, Connie Parvis, Rachel Pieper, Richard Price, Dr. Ronald Seibel, Gerald Truitt, Evelyn Wilcom, Connie Wilson, George Mayo (Exe. Dir.), Media advisor, Sean Clougherty and Guest, Dr. Kevin Maxwell from Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Absent were D. Andrew Cashman, Robert Cooksey, Jeannie Haddaway-Ricco, Richard Stonebreaker, and Shirley Zimmerman.**

**Prior to calling the Annual Meeting to order, George Mayo introduced Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Superintendent of the Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Dr. Maxwell had been invited to present a current update on activities surrounding agriculture education in his county. Dr. Maxwell gave an overview of his background which included many years of active participation in agriculture education. He explained his interest in restarting Ag Ed programs in Anne Arundel County and identifying it as a "Signature Program". The Anne Arundel Public School System is the 47<sup>th</sup> largest school system in the country and the fifth largest system in Maryland.**

**Southern High school is currently in it's second year as one of the CASE participating schools in the State. They have received much interest and support from the industry and the community. They have received a grant to rebuild the greenhouses and are bringing in a new teacher this upcoming year. Anne Arundel System is interested and working with USDA to begin a new farm to school breakfast program called "Tasting of the Rainbow". Dr. Maxwell said that certain scheduling changes in the county will effect teaching opportunities for a wide variety of education. When asked what MAEF could do to support his county in their efforts he said we should continue to be a voice to the community for support of programs. He encouraged MAEF in our efforts to provide the education for students and families to better understand agriculture.**

**At the completion of his presentation and there being a quorum, President Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.**

**The minutes of the May 25, 2010 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Richard Price moved, second by Connie Wilson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.**

George Mayo presented a note book of recent correspondence, primarily notes of appreciation, for the Board's review. The book was circulated amongst the members.

Treasurer, John Stump, reviewed the balance sheet and financial statements. The statements reflected \$1.9 million in assets and an overall increase of funds of approximately \$210,000 for the year. A motion to accept the report as presented for audit was made by Jerry Truitt,, seconded by Connie Parvis and passed. (report attached)

The Finance Committee On behalf of the committee, Treasurer Stump presented the 2012 Budget. John noted certain changes to the coming year's commitments, including the recently approved healthcare program, a 1.5% COLA for staff, an increase in mileage reimbursement and other changes as listed on budget comments and analysis report. Gail Yeiser thanked the committee for their efforts and moved, Connie Wilson, seconded, that the budget be adopted as presented, and after some discussion regarding certain items the motion passed.( Copy attached)

Jerry Truitt moved that the membership approve the actions of the Board of Directors for the year 2010 -2011. Richard Price seconded and the motion passed.

George Mayo presented an Annual Report of Programs to the Board as a summary of all the Departments activities. (copy attached)

Development Committee: No report at this time.

Promotion and Marketing Public Relations: The Billboard on Route 50 was on the cover of the DELMARVA Farmer May edition. Ads on MPT were also seen by board members.

By-Law Committee: Chairman, Rachel Pieper, reviewed the changes of the by-laws discussed at the Long range Planning Committee. The first item was regarding the size of the Board of Directors. It was decided to wait until the LRP was completed and that the description and qualifications of Board members was reviewed and further developed under the new plan. The second item was in regards to the enlargement of the Executive Committee of Article 6, section 8. How to elect and the term of office was discuss.

A motion to amend Article 6, section 8 of the By-Laws was move by Richard Price, seconded by Dr. Ron Seibel, to read:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the current officers and two (2) additional members at large elected from the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Chairman, Rachel Pieper, said the committee had polled the existing board members and that Andy Cashman and Shirley Zimmerman would be stepping down from the board.

The Committee submitted a slate of members eligible for another term including:

**John Sullivan , III  
Richard Mc Crobie  
Richard Price  
Robert Cooksey  
Gail Yeiser  
And a new member - Karen Zimmerman.**

**A motion to accept these to the Board of Directors for a three year term was made by Rachel Pieper, Seconded by Connie Wilson and passed.**

The election of the two at large members for the Executive Committee for the next year was taken up next.

**It was moved that Hank Doong and Richard Mc Crobie , both having agreed to serve, be elected as the Executive Committee at large members.**

**A motion to close all nominations was made by Jerry Truitt, seconded by Richard Price, and passed.**

**A motion to elect by acclamation, made by Jerry Truitt, seconded by Richard Price passed unanimously.**

Rachel Pieper presented the slate of officers for the coming year:

**President - John Sullivan, III  
Vice President - Gail Yeiser  
Secretary - Martha Clark  
Treasurer - John Stump, Jr.**

**Jerry Truitt moved to close the nominations, and elect by acclamation, seconded by Connie Parvis, and passed.**

**President's Report: John Sullivan expressed his thoughts on the past year and especially the Long Range Strategic Plan process. He was pleased with the process and really appreciative of the boards involvement and active participation. He is looking forward to working on the completed plan.**

**John also stated that Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio will help with the renewal authorization of the AG Tag and working toward some possible changes in the Tag for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MAEF. He thanked Jeannie for helping with the redesign of the Golf Outing Flyer, sponsoring a hole and providing a contact list . Jeanne has also offered to help plan for our 25<sup>th</sup> year Gala.**

**John stated that the MAEF has had rapid, exponential growth this year and that this growth will help to expand our outreach and mission.**

**Executive Director's Report:** George Mayo gave brief overview of some highlights for the year. The new truck provided by the central region fund raiser last fall has made it possible for schools that have never had a mobile lab to be served. He praised the LRSP process for bring forward some important and immediate issues that we need to address. He expressed how vital it is that we are involved in the Environmental Literacy Process and Programs. The session brought to our attention that MDA must be a part of that new State initiative.

George also referred to the compilation of the summary of activity presented at the beginning of the meeting as a talking point tool for sharing MAEF's work. As we move into our 25<sup>th</sup> year of existence we should be sharing our accomplishments and encouraging more people to become active in supporting MAEF.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The theme for the Western Maryland Fund Raising event will be "Energy for Education". This event will be held in September.

Members need to remember the Golf outing is on September 14. Foursomes and hole sponsors are needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time.

The next Board meeting will be September 27, 2011. Location to be announced.

**There being no further business, Dick Price moved, Jane Brown seconded, that we adjourn. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:

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Martha Clark, Secretary

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