

Mug Business Meeting 2013

G. Marck spoke on MUG becoming a 501c3. Last year's meeting the treasurer quit right before meeting so the funds were transferred to Wayne State University. WSU has many *many* rules for spending money. Rationale for becoming 501c3 is mostly financial. It will be much easier for us to manage MUG funds. There will be two points in process when fees have to be paid, we do not yet know what fees are. We would like to consider this option and possibly approve a motion to move forward with this process.

Q: Is there a reason we want to be a tax-exempt institution?

A: Credit Union suggested being a 501c3

It was stated that you can have a tax-id, register with the state and be a separate entity. We could apply for grants if you are a 501c3, can take about 9 months with federal government must file a 990. Biggest reason for 501c3 is donations are tax deductible, \$20 yearly fee. File with the state to be a known entity.

Q: Tax liabilities associated with not being a 501c3?

Federal Tax ID

It was stated that instead of being a federal 501c3 MUG could file with Michigan as a non-profit.

\$20 per year to keep license with a list of board members, and we would need By-Laws (which we have) and articles of incorporation. J. Escribano and additional members confirmed that being a Michigan non-profit was much less paperwork than being a federal 501c3, they have done this for other organizations they belong to.

T. Kovach motioned that mug board file the necessary paper work to become a non-profit Seconded – A. Palmer

T. Kovach motioned to approve Board officers to sign paperwork to become nonprofit. Seconded A. Palmer

G. Marck thanked S. Bowers and C. Singleton for managing the website.

No grant funded money for scholarships to attend MUG has been used. G. Marck approached S. Andrary to attend meeting remotely and speak about NCIP.

G. Marck asked if remote attendance was beneficial. Having to hear what Shawn had to say was beneficial but not being able to have face to face time was not. Is it still really beneficial for us to meet together once a year? Yes. Does this location work for everyone? Yes. Does venue have a theater type setting? No. Would you still consider attending if meeting was in Auburn Hills or Troy? The suggestion to rotate meeting locations from year to year was made. Remote attendance is better than not attending in the overall scheme.

Mott Community College, Walsh College in Troy and Auburn Hills were all offered as possible locations.

Elections – Nominations

President - Crystal Agnew

Vice President – Becky Reister

Secretary - Adele Ernsberger

Treasurer – George Marck

Member at large nominations: Linda Rutherford was nominated by Jill Sodt. L. Rutherford accepted nomination.

All nominations approved via howling.