



MAK – AIRS
MISSOURI, ARKANSAS, KANSAS AIRS
Minutes - Annual Meeting
September 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Margi Valleroy, MAK-AIRS President called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m. and welcomed those attending the annual meeting. Madam President introduced the minutes from last year's annual meeting, read the MAK-AIRS conference agenda and provided information in folders. Margi opened the floor for questions or changes regarding last year's minutes.

Motion to accept minutes as is was made by Janice Conrad; second by Heather Pierce.

So approved by President Valleroy

Minutes will be posted on the website. Margi provided information about the website, requested everyone check out the website. All attendees will be on the e-mail list for further correspondence. If anyone has any questions or input, please let us know.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jennifer Miller, MAK-AIRS treasurer presented the report. She reviewed the balances in both accounts and annual expenses. The United Way Holding Account has \$5573.00 and the U.S. Bank Account has \$788.00. Members can access information about the treasurer's report on the MAK-AIRS website. Majority of MAK-AIRS money comes from membership fees. Expenses are from Board Conference Calls, Website and Conference Costs.

Motion to accept the financial report was made by Penny Adams; second by Patt Harvey.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Heather Pierce provided the Membership Report. MAK-AIRS have 35 members. Every organization that joins AIRS automatically becomes an affiliate member. AIRS is continuing to grow and change.

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT: Robin Pokojski reported that there is a national movement of Information and Referral working with getting bills/laws passed. Members were advised that they may be requested to write letters and/or contact their congressman in order to get the movement to progress. Spending to AAAs has been cut by 2% across the United States. A draft on the Older American's Act is in process. The 2009-2010 National 211 Movement was delayed due to lack of finances. There is no action taken on the bills. Question: How many states have

211? All but two states have 211. PA and AZ are in the process of standing up 211. An e-mail may be sent out requesting members to contact State Representatives. More to come.

Missouri Library Association has lobbyist. Question: Does AIRS have a lobbyist? This was not known but will be addressed.

AFFILIATE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT: Heather Pierce provided information about the Affiliate Council. Members from each Affiliate meet by conference call monthly and face-to-face prior twice a year, once prior to the AIRS Conference and once at the Conference before it begins. MAK-AIRS is our voice to AIRS. Membership renewals for 2012 are coming up. During 2011 the membership did not grow, but it did not drop either. This made AIRS happy.

The 2012 AIRS Conference is being held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme for the May conference is: I & R and All That Jazz!

During 2011, 48 states have suffered natural disasters as deemed by FEMA.

REMEMBER: MAK-AIRS is the voice to the national organization, AIRS. Each organization membership can contact MAK-AIRS to contact AIRS.

AIRS ANNUAL REPORT: Penny Adams reported that there was a lot of information provided by the president of AIRS to include all the certifications of the past year, AIRS Website – share with funders and in the “red” \$72,000. The end!

FEDERAL 501(C)(3): Janice Conrad reported that the federal non-profit paperwork has been COMPLETED for MAK-AIRS and has been given over to Jennifer Miller to be sent to the IRS along with a \$400.00 check. A big thank you to George Berken, CPA who completed the paperwork without an invoice for charge.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS: Penny Adams explained what is expected of a Board Member. There are two face-to-face meetings, conference calls, head up a committee (nomination, newsletter, etc.) There is one Board Member opening right now and another can be added, if there is interest. We will have nominations next year.

NEWSLETTER: Rita Harris reported that the next issue will be e-mailed on 11/11/11. Members are encouraged to share information that can be included in the newsletter, as well as passing along information to anyone who might be interested.

Included in the MAK-AIRS packet is a log sheet to keep track of the briefings/classes required for accreditation.

HOW DO WE INCREASE MEMBERSHIP? Heather Pierce ensured each participant received a MAK-AIRS brochure. We are working on membership recruitment to get more agencies and more members. Members were asked for their ideas and to reach out to other organizations to join AIRS. Heather explained the different types of memberships: Basic, Basic I and Premium. Explained that there are webinars available through AIRS. Opened the floor for discussion about membership. Martha Love mentioned that there was an article in the State Library Association referencing AIRS and suggested that other organizations/agencies include AIRS in their articles. Heather thanked everyone for their ideas.

CLOSURE: Annual Meeting Ended at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Conrad, Secretary