

**Mississippi Dietetic Association**  
**Board of Director's Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Location: 330 North Mart Plaza, Tidwell Building, Suite 2, Jackson, MS**  
**November 13, 2009**

1. Called to order by MDA President Gina Wack at 10:10 a.m.

In attendance: Gina Wack, Pam Roberts, Diane Tidwell, Carolyn Turley, Karen Lewis, Carolyn Bailey, Brent Fountain, Tiffany Grant, Kim Barczak, Heather Crawford, Urmila Mota

2. Quorum was established (9 voting members)

3. Consent agenda was accepted. Reports are available online at

<http://www.eatrightmississippi.org/reports.php>

Karen Lewis made a motion to dispense reading of the minutes, Pam Roberts seconded, the motion carried.

4. Minutes from the previous BOD meeting on September 18, 2009

Discussion: no discussion or corrections noted.

Motion to accept minutes as presented to the BOD: Karen Lewis

Motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Bailey

Motion carried unanimously

5. Reports of Officers

a. Treasurer's report presented by Heather Crawford, Treasurer

Current assets: \$38,161.94 in checking account, \$15,727.61 in savings account, \$43,807.76 in CD, \$643.13 prepaid expenses. Brent Fountain made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Karen Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

b. Other: President-elect, Pam Roberts gave a report (see below under 6. Old Business for her discussion on the annual meeting).

6. Old Business:

a. Annual Meeting Pam Roberts discussed MDA Annual Meeting. Pam distributed a handout for the MDA Spring Meeting. The proposed theme: WELLNESS: From Head to Toe, Inside and Out. Holmes Community College in Jackson. Dates: April 7, 2010, pre-meeting workshop (waiting for confirmation), 6:30-8:30 wine and cheese tasting (location TBA), April 8, 2010, 8:00-5:00 full day conference, April 9, 2010, 8:00-12:00 BOD meeting. Dutch Lunch: Mint Restaurant. Pam has been checking with area hotels.

b. Executive Director Position, there are three applications and the MDA executive board met prior to the MDA BOD meeting on November 13, 2009, to review applications and discuss the procedure to select a new executive director. The three applicants will be interviewed around the first of December. Applications are still being accepted.

c. CE Policy and Procedure. Gina Wack discussed that the correct dollar amounts and correct procedure for approving CEU's should be posted on the MDA website.

d. Public Policy Workshop (PPW): Karen Lewis gave an update on the next PPW scheduled for March 21-23, 2010. It will be a webinar as the previous PPW in March 2009. Going to the PPW meeting in Washington, D.C., was discussed.

e. Other Old Business: Kim Barczak announced that updated officer positions were missing for the MDA Policy and Procedure Manual. Gina Wack will notify those who need to send their updated positions. This was discussed at the September meeting where all positions were reviewed.

## 7. New Business

a. Affiliate Districts: Gina Wack discussed the concern for having active districts. Gina is planning to have a teleconference with the district presidents.

b. Yearly retreat: Gina Wack discussed having a yearly retreat where old and new officers are brought together for continuity of information. Discussion of pros: Effective communication, team building and morale, and cons: Many may not attend; a commitment needs to be made by officers to attend. Gina will investigate locations and cost.

c. MS Obesity Awareness Day is scheduled for March 10, 2010, 9:00-2:00 in the rotunda in the capitol in Jackson was discussed by Gina Wack for Kathy Warwick. Promotional materials were discussed.

d. Writing orders: Carolyn Turley discussed RDs being cited by state surveyors for writing therapeutic diet orders. A handout was given that came from the ADA Times Summer 2009.

e. ODEA Nominations Committee: Gina Wack for Laurel Lambert, nominations for outstanding educators, committee consisting of district presidents

f. Other: Nominating Committee needs volunteers for finding candidates for the MDA ballot.

8. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by President Gina Wack at 12:40 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Diane Tidwell, Secretary