

Minutes
MIG Executive Board Meeting 01/25/2009
Submitted by Secretary of State Scott Rothenberg

Meeting called to order at 1:15 PM by Governor Cordero.

Roll Call absences: Chief Justice McCormick, Faculty Advisors Keifer.

Reports:

Lieutenant Governor A. McFarland: Reported that the evaluations that were sent out at last year's banquet will be used again this year. Neither Illinois State University nor any high schools are coming this year.

Attorney General Lootens: Brought up three separate concerns. First is the use of laptops. Lootens has been in contact with POS McFarland, who has secured 4 laptops from UIS. Second concern regarded press conferences. Press conferences will be held in the front of each room in which journalists will be able to ask questions of various Executive Board members. The third is an issue with Kinko's which is now closed on Friday night and closed completely Saturday and Sunday.

Secretary of State Rothenberg: Announced that the election packets are online asked about the use of the Blue Room in the Capitol Building.

Treasurer Jamal: Reported that OMB will be given out the budget books like they were last year.

Comptroller Murphy: Reported that only members of their respected roles can nominate from their own roles. Reported that she is playing phone tag with the award producers

President of the Senate C. McFarland: Discussed the new contracts with the Hilton. The new contract goes through 2010. Five year contracts concern the Hilton since the condition of the economic environment so they will only contract two years in advance. By the end of the 2012 contract and every following year, a new two year contract will need to agree upon. Every year under the recently negotiated contract, rooms will increase \$3.00 per room. He also stated that it was less than current inflation. He stated if you are not authorized to talk to the hotel, do not. The next two years of the simulation will be in February exclusively.

Speaker of the House Erbes: "HELP ME" – Opening ceremonies will be in the Hilton

Faculty Advisor Eastland: Wanted the dates for future MIG simulations sent to the other faculty advisors.

Faculty Advisor Pearce: Thanks all for attending. Could the bills on the website be in order of bill number? This is a concern that has been years in the making.

Secretariat Scott: Mr. Scott will personally beat you down if you break anything that disrupts the chambers and stated that he is not going to pay for anything that is broken. It was once again reinforced that you need to get it done, get it ready, or get out. It is Time to Shine.

Alumni Representative/Web Guy S. McFarland: The website has been bought for another year, this is an annual event. In 2012 the domain must be repurchased. There needs to be more structure that is why I have called for the foundation in which would be set up by a board of directors for the use of the organization's fund raising ability. It is imperative that we orchestrate a new list of numbers in which we received many from the past attendees of MIG simulations. To help this organization survive there must be a fundraising effort.

Governor Cordero: Kristin Richards, a MIG alumna, who currently works for the Governor's office will be the 2009 keynote speaker.

Approval of absences:

The Comptroller made a motion to approve the absence of last week's meeting which was seconded by the Secretary of state. The motion failed on a voice vote.

The motion was made to excuse the Chief Justice due to illness passed on a voice vote with little debate.

Old business:

Banquet Quotes / Menu and Other Information: Cash bar cost \$35 dollars an hour in which we are contractually obligated to pay due to our contract. Wine for the invitees would be one red and one white at 20 – 28 dollars a bottle. Governor will ask to have bottles open when requested. Governor stated that \$250 should be set aside to pay for the guest drinks if they do not want to pay for their own. This led into a discussion about the operating budget whole. Then there was a motion by the Secretary of state to all prove that the operating budget it was then followed by a second and then discussion. The Governor noted that he had cut \$1,600 off from the initial version of the gala that was presented to the board. The question was called and then was defeated 7-4-0. The President of the Senate is any question in the voting procedure of the faculty advisors. He then asked for a ruling by the attorney general. The five minute recess was then enacted by the chair. Seven minutes later, the chair called the meeting back to order at which it was announced that each advisor gets the single vote and that the previous motion to call the question was defeated. After further discussion that lasted about another two minutes and a half, the question was called again. A motion to approve the operating budget was approved 9-2-0.

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Lootens-Y	Rothenberg-Y
Jamal-Y	Murphy-Y
C. McFarland-N	Erbes-Y
Eastlund-Y	Pearce-Y
Vinzant-Y	

New Business:

Resolution 2008-2009.8: There was discussion on the absences and censure of the Comptroller. The Lieutenant Governor asked a series of questions about what she worked on the banquet in which included the final costs and has she received the final costs on the awards. Comptroller Murphy then replied that she had not done either of the things. Having no further discussion the question was then call. The resolution was a unanimous 11-0-0.

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Capitol Complex Procedures: The Secretary of State-issued name tags must be worn at all times while in the Capitol Complex area. It was made very clear that the discussion or actions pertaining to the former Governor of the State of Illinois was strictly off limits. This is an embarrassment to the state and we shall not continue to embarrass us and the state for which they are allowing us to use their facility. Unlike last year, any walk out would be dealt with severe consequences, up to and including removal of participants from the simulation. Any walkout is considered disgraceful to the chamber and the State of Illinois and shall not be allowed. OMB and the Moot Court will have assigned seats so that it is possible to determine which individuals are responsible for any destruction for disfigurement of state property.

Speaker Erbes and POS McFarland announced their committee chairs. List will be provided to the Secretary of State in the coming days.

Districting: All checks for registration and student fees from all schools shall be sent to Blackhawk community college in Moline, Illinois.

Registration Process: This process will be the exact same as it was last year. The code of conduct will be also online and they'll be some extra at the registration table. However, no one will receive a name tag if they had not signed of the Code of Conduct.

Opening ceremonies: The opening ceremonies will take place at the hotel, due to construction at the Howlett Building.

Organizational Assembly: The Executive Board was moved into Organizational Assembly at 2:45 PM with a sufficient number of member schools answering the roll as being present. The Executive Board meeting was gaveled back in at 3:45.

Audience Participation:

There was discussion from the UIS Head Delegate concerning the on the internship program with the Illinois legislature.

Alumni Representative McFarland again discussed the foundation and getting phone numbers of former members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 PM was approved by voice vote.