

Model Illinois Government  
Executive Board Meeting  
June 7, 2009  
Triton College

1. **Call to order:** 1:12 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**
  - a. Governor McFarland [present]
  - b. Lt. Governor Webber [present]
  - c. Attorney General Lootens [present]
  - d. Secretary of State Poindexter [absent]
  - e. Treasurer Curtis [present]
  - f. Comptroller Clark [present]
  - g. President of the Senate Marvin [present]
  - h. Speaker of the House Erbes [present]
  - i. Secretariat McFarland [present]
  - j. Faculty Advisors
    - i. Eastlund [absent]
    - ii. Vanzant [absent]
    - iii. Kiefer [absent]
    - iv. Pearce [absent]
3. **Approval of Minutes** motion: Comptroller Clark | second: SOTH Erbes | unanimous
4. **Officer Reports**
  - a. Lt. Governor
    - i. Welcome to Triton/history lesson of involvement with MIG
    - ii. Special thanks to Recruitment and Retention Task Force (R&R)
    - iii. More to come later in meeting
  - b. Attorney General
    - i. Currently searching for staff
  - c. Secretary of State
    - i. Governor read Secretary of State Poindexter's letter of resignation
  - d. Treasurer
    - i. Not going to be at the July meeting
    - ii. Café Press issues
      1. logo has to be uploaded to each potential product;
      2. process requires a lot of time
  - e. Comptroller
    - i. Event at John Marshall went well
    - ii. Officially changing delegation from Augustana College to the John Marshall Law School
  - f. President of the Senate
    - i. Committee Chairs will be decided through application process
    - ii. Fundraiser idea: "pay to pie"
      1. Each EB position would have a jar for delegates to place money
      2. EB member with highest dollar amount would receive a pie in the face
    - iii. Talk to local Springfield TV station (FOX)
      1. Minute segment promoting MIG – commercial
    - iv. Have not yet talked to Hilton
      1. Waiting for Vanzant
    - v. Bills for session looking good
  - g. Speaker of the House
    - i. Gavels in safe hands (recap: had to buy seven gavels last year)
    - ii. Staff: (Chief of Staff) Cripps, (Clerk) Wallace, (Press Secretary) Ozment
    - iii. Committees in Hilton versus Capitol Complex
    - iv. Bills – in discussion with President of the Senate
    - v. Committee Chair selection
      1. Same as last year, process seemed to work well;



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- iii. Treasurer Curtis – raffle (all weekend)
    - 1. More for long-term fundraising, money would go towards years to come
    - 2. Get donations from local companies, alumni, and elected officials
  - iv. Governor McFarland – need to look it policies regarding raffles, limit possibility for fines
  - v. Former Lt. Governor McFarland – baskets went over well at FYDOP last year
  - vi. Former Governor McFarland
    - 1. should talk to the [real] Attorney General and laws
    - 2. need to look into registration costs verses incurring fines
  - c. Audience Participation will be limited in August or September
  - d. Recruitment and Retention Task Force
    - i. Make up of Task Force – overseen by the Lt. Governor’s Chief of Staff (Ryan Kennedy)
      - 1. Ideal situation would mean at least one delegate from each member school on Task Force
      - 2. Currently there are five members of the Task Force
      - 3. Interested in joining the Task Force? Contact the Lt. Governor**
      - 4. No longer a Task Force member once in the simulation
    - ii. Documents were distributed.
    - iii. Page name changed to Delegate Resources
    - iv. Campaign strategies
      - 1. Word of mouth, spreading the word
      - 2. Letters, emails, phone banking to contact potential additions
    - v. *Purpose* of program is to *empower* delegates and schools to: prepare early, train and retain early, have access to recruitment tools and fundraising ideas, recruit and retain efficiently, diversify MIG, build the competitive edge by encouraging more research, help establish effective leadership
  - e. *MIG has a new logo*
  - f. Financial Report will be given at the next meeting, balance to be tabulated before July meeting
  - g. Chief Justice search update
    - i. Governor McFarland cited discussions for Former Chief Justice Sims and McCormick
    - ii. Andrew Smith will continue to write the court case
    - iii. Search process will include an application, sending out to last year’s attorneys
8. **New Business:** line item a (Budget Preparation)
- a. budget is starting to formulate
    - i. the Governor and Treasurer will be working to together
    - ii. by the August meeting at least a preliminary budget will be introduced
    - iii. EB members should look at their budgets; see if there is a need for allocation modification(s)**
  - b. Banquet discussion – called for by the Governor
    - i. Comptroller Clark mentioned:
      - 1. No delegate will have to get up for food, no “buffet” style – sit down dinner suggested
      - 2. Food options could be decided by consensus via pull of the Head Delegates
    - ii. There was only a \$400 difference from the hors d'ouvres provided last year and a sit down meal
    - iii. Budget not perceived to be completed before February as the Hilton will not be done with pricing
    - iv. Governor McFarland reminded the EB we are contracted to spending at least \$4000 but likely to spend \$5000-6000; partially due to inflation and the economy
  - c. Fmr. Treasurer Jamal comments (yielded floor by Gov. McFarland)
    - i. Last year everyone stayed within their budget
    - ii. Foresees needing at least \$6000 for the banquet
    - iii. Some issues with the synopsis book funding
    - iv. MIG paid for four rooms to house four attorneys – Does this current EB want to do this again?
    - v. \$300 for gavels (replacing House gavels) will not be needed again
    - vi. costs for doormen could rise, especially if the Capitol Complex committee rooms are used
  - d. POTS Marvin mentioned the potential of LLCC covering the synopsis book printing cost, if necessary

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9. **Audience Participation:**

- a. Could the cost of internet be rolled into the room charge?
  - i. The Lt. Gov. suggested working with the Hilton to have a reduced rate or MIG cover the charge
  - ii. Gov. stated the matter would be looked into
- b. Broadcasting meeting and simulation
  - i. Suggestion made to purchase cameras for MIG use
    1. Broadcast simulation using journalists as news anchors
    2. Skype EB meetings for delegates not able to attend meetings
  - ii. Some issues addressed:
    1. POTS discussed how wireless is not always an option
    2. Attorney Gen. added the when the EB goes into Executive Session the camera would have to be off
    3. Gov. mentioned the expenses could be high
  - iii. Ways to tackle issues:
    1. SOS – look into buying one camera and uploading broadcast later
    2. Gov. – developing a newsletter to be sent out quarterly by Attorney Gen. (with support from the Gov. and SOS)
  - iv. House and Senate broadcasts
    1. Secretariat – it's only a matter of opening the web link – LIS handles this matter
    2. Governor stated we need to first regain credibility after mishaps 2 years ago
- c. Hotel discussions
  - i. Delegate from Waubensee (Jennifer) mentioned being able to help with the process if needed
  - ii. Internet could be used as a recruitment tool/attraction | encouragement of research

10. **Announcements:**

- a. **HEAD DELEGATES SHOULD LOOK AT THE DELEGATE RESOURCES PAGE**
- b. ALL EB members should look at their associated pages on the website
  - i. Contact the SOS or Secretariat/Webmaster if there are any issues with webmail
- c. **NEXT MEETING: July 12 @ Western Illinois University, Macomb**

11. **Adjournment:** 2:49 pm