

**November 2, 2006**  
**Mesa LTD Special Alumni Meeting Minutes**  
**Mesa Chamber of Commerce**

**Attendance**

Present: Nick Camillone, Vicki Coe, Jean Colfer, Kay Henry, Maria Mancinas, Amy Ricks, Nathan Ricks, Linda Sullivan and Peter Sysyn.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nick Camillone at 6:10 p.m. and round table introductions took place.

**Reason for Meeting**

This meeting occurred to ratify the proposed MLTD membership dues increase from \$30 to \$50 for the 2005-06 membership year. Ratification is required by the Mesa LTD Bylaws Article VI, Members, and Para. 5, Dues that states all recommended annual dues increases proposed by the Board of Directors must be ratified by a majority vote of the members in good standing in attendance at the annual meeting. The ratification could not occur at the May 12, 2006 annual meeting due to insufficient advance notification or at the June 29, 2006 special annual meeting because the dollar increase from \$30 to \$50 was not stated in the handout.

**Ratification Discussion**

**Argument For:** Justification for increasing the dues included the rising expenses associated with: the alumni newsletter, website, alumni directories, socials, special events, annual meeting and co-sponsorships for candidate forums; notification of community events, volunteer and placement opportunities to alumni; active recruitment of alumni to city boards and committees; on-going Mesa LTD representation at many community events for MLTD exposure and recruitment and a new benefit of a complimentary dinner for a dues paying alumni at the annual meeting. Also, the current Board's outreach to the alumni community through its survey and the upcoming November and January alumni workshops will be added expenses.

**Argument Against:** The 7/05-6/06 alumni budget having a net income of \$1300.40 provided the main argument against having a dues increase. Having the ability to send out the majority of newsletters, party notices, and announcements via E-mail actually decreases mailing costs. It was stated that MLTD's alumni did not appear interested in participating in activities after class graduation as evidenced by the lack of participation at the annual meeting, socials and this meeting. The alumni uses MLTD primarily as a networking tool and are willing to volunteer when asked to be speakers at Class sessions. Having a free dinner to the annual meeting is not an incentive to raise the dues from \$30 to \$50. The question was asked if a "cap" had been established for the free annual meeting dinner and the answer was no.

**Question:** What happens if the dues increase isn't ratified since members were charged \$50 last year? Several options were suggested but the Board of Directors will have to make that decision if needed.

**Vote:** Maria moved to ratify the proposed MLTD membership dues increase from \$30 to \$50 for the 2005-06 membership year and Jean seconded the motion. Motion failed (No – 6, Yes - 2, Abstain – 1). The alumni dues will remain at \$30 annually.

**Adjournment**

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting and Amy seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
Kay Henry  
MLTD Secretary