



**MLTD Alumni Association
May 4, 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Charlie Deaton, Mesa Chamber President & CEO, opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. by welcoming all of the alumni attendees. He mentioned the 25 years Chamber sponsorship of Mesa Leadership, the numerous MLTD graduates that have been elected to responsible city and state leadership roles and thanked everyone for their community involvement. He then introduced Chairperson Maria Mancinas.

Current Board Members: Maria introduced the current 2006-07 Board of Directors: Pat Esparza (Chair Elect), Kay Henry (Secretary), Nathan Ricks (Treasurer), Linda Sullivan (Curriculum Chair), Susan Frabotta (Placement Chair), Dale Easter (Recruitment Chair), Gloria Chavez (Community Liaison Chair), Vicki Coe (Program Chair) and Amy Ricks (Social Chair).

Approval of Agenda: Maria requested if there were any items from the floor to be added to the agenda and there were none. Peter Sysyn made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Pat Esparza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of May 12, 2006 Minutes: Pat Esparza made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Vice Mayor Claudia Walters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Nathan Ricks stated that the Program and Alumni budgets were combined in the past and were separated this year into the two budget accounts. He also explained the new Treasurer process regarding expenditures and reimbursements. He stated the forecasted 5/04/07 assets (before May expenditures and deposits) were: CD Scholarship - \$2,562.87, MLTD Alumni - \$2,738.32, MLTD Program - \$3,290.26, and Scholarship - \$1,175.75 for a forecasted new worth of \$9,767.20. Questions from the floor were answered. It was suggested that an Annual Financial Audit occurs each year. Susan Frabotta made a motion to approve the financial report as submitted. Kay Henry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chair Report: Maria stated it had been a very eventful year and thanked the Board, Alumni and Chamber for their enthusiastic support and hard work. The Board did an outstanding job toward the accomplishment of the five goals it took on this year. The goals were: 1) Working with the Chamber toward implementing the Program's 501c3 status. 2) Greater involvement of Alumni members in the program and holding informational Alumni workshops. 3) Created a new Alumni Spotlight segment on the monthly MLTD Program agendas and brought in alumni speakers. 4) Successful recruitment of Class 2008 applicants. 5) Sent out e-mail communications to MLTD Alumni regarding the many volunteer opportunities in the city and got a significant response. Maria also mentioned the untimely passing of two Mesa Leadership members – Scott Forkenbrock (Class 1999) and Kevin Hutchings (Class 2007).

Bylaws Committee Report: Nathan presented the proposed Bylaw change regarding Removal of Officers that was approved at the April 16 MLTD Board meeting (10 to 1) and required ratification of the Alumni at the annual meeting. The proposed change will protect board members because it states the specific reasons needed to remove directors from the board. A discussion occurred regarding the requirement of a majority vote needed versus a 2/3 vote needed to accomplish a removal. It was agreed to remove the entire first statement in the proposed Bylaw change to eliminate this problem. After other discussion occurred, Charlie Deaton stated that a detailed process such as the one proposed typically is not incorporated into an organization's Bylaws but is included in its Policies. Dina Higgins made a motion to deny ratifying the proposed Removal of Officers language (minus the first sentence) into the MLTD Bylaws but consider incorporating it into the MLTD Policies. Nick Camillone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Slate of Candidates: Maria presented the following slate of candidates for the 2007-08 MLTD Board of Directors.

Chair	Dale Easter
Chair Elect	Dina Higgins
Treasurer	Nathan Ricks
Secretary	Kay Henry
Past Chair	Maria Mancinas
Co Curriculum	Linda Sullivan
Co Curriculum	Denise Traves
Recruiting	Katie Ali'varius
Program	Vicki Coe
Publications	David Luna
Placement	Laura Hyneman
Community Liaison	Brian Sexton
Social	Amy Ricks

New members to be added to the board are Katie Ali'varius, Dina Higgins, Laura Hyneman, David Luna, Brian Sexton and Denise Traves. There were no further nominations from the floor. Peter Sysyn made a motion to accept the slate as presented and the new board members. Gloria Chavez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Recruitment: Since Dale Easter was out of town on business travel, Maria reported that 33 candidates applied for the 2007-08 Class and 30 were accepted. We are currently awaiting their final acceptance.

Topic from the Floor: Since the meeting ran longer than scheduled, Peter Sysyn suggested that future Alumni Annual Meetings be held on a different day than the Class Graduation.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Henry
MLTD Secretary