



Organization of MISO States

**ORGANIZATION OF MISO STATES, INC.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2008**

Approved September 25, 2008

Chairman John Norris, President of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. (OMS), called the August 2008 meeting of the OMS Executive Committee to order via conference call at approximately 1:00 p.m. (CDT). The following directors participated in the meeting:

President - John Norris, Iowa
Vice President – Lauren Azar, Wisconsin
Secretary – Quanetta Betts, proxy for Valerie Lemmie, Ohio
Commissioner at Large – Lisa Pappas, proxy for Monica Martinez, Michigan
Treasurer – Gary Hanson, South Dakota

Others present on the conference call:

Parveen Baig, Jeff Kaman – Iowa
Hisham Choueiki – Ohio
Don Neumeyer – Wisconsin

OMS Staff - Bill Smith, Julie Mitchell

The directors listed above established the necessary quorum of three (3) Executive Committee members.

Lauren Azar moved to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2008 Executive Committee Meetings. Gary Hanson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

BUSINESS

1. Nominating Committee Report

The Committee has turned in its report (follows the minutes) and the report will be presented at the next Board Meeting on September 11th. There were no questions.

2. OMS Proposed Budget for 2009

Bill Smith presented the proposed budget for 2009. He requested that the committee review it in detail and come back with any suggested changes. There were suggested increases in salary, travel, computer support and meeting support. There was no increase in the consulting budget. Lauren Azar asked about the consulting budget in light of the work group reorganization. It was agreed that suggested alterations will be emailed to Bill Smith by the end of the week so the budget can be acted on at the September 11 Board meeting.

3. Renewal of Lease at 100 Court Avenue

The lease at the OMS office is up at the end of the year. The staff is considering relocating to a slightly larger space within the same building. OMS is currently paying about \$15/square feet. Lauren Azar suggested getting different pricing for length of lease. It was agreed that further research into the cost benefit of relocating the office would be done.

4. Discuss Strategic Objectives

There was discussion of how the work groups would be reconfigured. Lauren Azar suggested having recommendations in September and finalizing the suggestions in October. The Executive Committee also discussed how to proceed with the other three project areas. It was agreed that volunteers from the Board and staff would be solicited.

5. October Annual Meeting

Bill Smith asked if the Committee felt the recognition dinner was necessary or if it could be folded into the business meeting. MSATS asked for time during the business meeting to give a briefing. NERC has also asked for about 15 minutes to give a briefing as well.

Administrative Report – Bill Smith

Bill Smith gave his administrative report. He highlighted the following upcoming meeting:

- September 5 – MWDRI Smart Grid, Chicago

Announcements

- Thursday, Sept. 11: OMS Board meeting
- Thursday, Sept. 25: OMS Executive Committee
- Tuesday, Oct. 14: OMS Annual Meeting

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m. CDT

**OMS Nominating Committee Report for the 2009 Slate of Officers
August 2008**

Nominating Committee:

Kim Pizzingrilli, Pennsylvania, *Chair*
Susan Wefald, North Dakota
Tom Pugh, Minnesota

In accordance with the bylaws, the Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2009. The criterion regarding geographic balance was considered in our recommendation.

Proposed 2009 Officers:

President	(EAST)	Lauren Azar	Wisconsin
Vice President	(EAST)	Valerie Lemmie	Ohio
Secretary	(WEST)	Greg Jergeson	Montana
Treasurer	(WEST)	Tom Pugh	Minnesota
At-Large	(EAST)	David Armstrong	Kentucky

Bylaws:

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

3. GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE. Two of the officers shall be Directors from states predominantly west of the Mississippi River. Two of the officers shall be Directors from states predominantly east of the Mississippi River.

4. DUTIES. Under this section, the Vice-President will serve as the lead state representative on the MISO Advisory Committee (Ohio - retail choice state) and the Secretary (Montana) will also serve on the MISO Advisory Committee.