



Organization of MISO States

**ORGANIZATION OF MISO STATES, INC.  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2009**

**Approved March 26, 2009**

Lauren Azar, President of the Organization of MISO States, Inc. (OMS), called the January 22, 2009 meeting of the OMS Executive Committee to order via conference call at approximately 1:00 p.m. (CST). The following directors participated in the meeting:

President – Lauren Azar, Wisconsin  
Vice President – Valerie Lemmie, Ohio  
Secretary – Greg Jergeson, Montana  
Commissioner at Large – Bill Bowker, proxy for David Armstrong, Kentucky  
Treasurer – Burl Haar, proxy for Tom Pugh, Minnesota

Others present on the conference call:

Brian DeKiep - Montana

OMS Staff - Bill Smith

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

Lauren Azar requested that the agenda be amended to delay approval of the minutes until the second business item. There were no objections.

**BUSINESS**

**1. NRRI Proposal – Status of Discussions**

Bill Smith gave an update on the status of discussions with Jan Beecher at Michigan State University and Dr. Jamison at the University of Florida. Dr. Jamison suggested that OMS's needs might best be met by utilizing business/MBA students. Dr. Beecher's proposal has not arrived yet. The Exec Committee discussed the merits of the University of Florida proposal.

**2. Status of Personnel Agreements and December 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes.**

- President Azar gave a briefing on the history of the personnel agreements. She suggested the minutes be amended to state for the first motion: "the amounts intended for Bill Smith and Julie Mitchell 401(k) matching payments for the years 2007 and 2008 that exceed the limits of the 401(k) plan and pay it as taxable salary in 2008. This is a one-time payment that will not extend into 2009." And that the minutes for the second

motion be amended to state this was an "additional payment of 50% of the amount that would be added to taxable salary to Bill Smith and Julie Mitchell to compensate them for income taxes they will have to pay on this amount. This is a one-time payment that will not extend into 2009."

- Greg Jergeson moved to amend the minutes as suggested. Valerie Lemmie seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice votes.
- Greg Jergeson moved to adoption of the minutes as amended. Valerie Lemmie seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- The personnel agreements are being finalized.

### **3. Personnel Reviews**

Valerie Lemmie gave a status update on the personnel review. Volunteers were solicited for the personnel committee.

### **4. April Meeting**

Bill Smith gave background on the MISO-OMS sector meetings to the Executive Committee. He asked if they wanted him to schedule the next one at its normal time in April (which could mean there would not be two stakeholder meetings in 2009) in light of the heavy schedule of meetings surrounding Cost Allocation. The consensus of the Committee was to cancel the sector meeting.

### **5. June Meeting after MARC**

Bill Smith presented the idea of including a ½ day OMS session following the MARC meeting in June. Lauren Azar recommended having a Cost Allocation/Regional Planning session at that time. Greg Jergeson recommended that the meeting be held. Valerie Lemmie concurred. It was also agreed that the meeting content would be decided at a later date.

### **Administrative Report – Bill Smith**

Bill Smith reported that the move into the new office was complete.

### **Announcements**

- Next OMS Executive Committee meeting: **February 26, 2009** at 1:00 pm CST
- Next OMS regular Board of Directors meeting: **February 12, 2009** at 1:00 pm CST

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m. CST**