# – MARC Ops Manual –

**– Traditions – Needs to Know – Friendly Reminders –**

The following MARC Officers are in possession of electronic media device: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Communicator, Parliamentarian, Jr. Past President, Ways and Means Chairman, Chaplain, Web Master, Foundation Chairman, and Conference Chairman which all are to be passed on at the close of the Conference each year. There is also another electronic media device which goes along with the President beside the Office one. It contains all of the minutes from day one and should also be passed on at the close of the conference.

All Officers and Appointments should prepare articles for the reMARCs when due.

All Officers and Appointments going to do visitations as the MARC Rep. should contact that State President and find out what is needed and/or what will be expected of them on their visit. Prepare MARC report for that state convention.

# President

1. MARC President installed in October shall carry MARC Flag at IC Convention the following July.
2. Schedule Board visits for the coming year soon after Annual Conference. Try to avoid Board Members State Convention if at all possible. Make sure all reps traveling review allowed amount and agree to that amount.
3. Set Board Meeting at next year’s Conference site soon after Annual Conference.
4. Work with Chairmen of next year’s conference to see about room rates for Board meeting to be same as Conference rate.
5. Traditionally the Current MARC President purchases the Regional Gavel Guard for the incoming MARC President. Usually will get it at IC to have on hand for October and avoids shipping charges.
6. Copy all finalized minutes to the larger device and recommend that the financial statement should also be copied for future reference.
7. President duffle bag will have the following:
   1. Rally towels for use at IC.
   2. The President’s gavel
8. Communicate with Vice President and Jr. Past President to insure smooth change of officers.
9. It is not mandatory, but highly recommended that the President set-up email distribution lists for the following groups:
   1. MARC Board
   2. State Presidents
   3. Appointed Board

# Vice President

1. Traditionally the VP has arranged a meeting and/or dinner on Thursday night at Leadership in Colorado with the incoming MARC State Presidents as a way to get to know each other.
2. Traditionally the VP has taken on the responsibility for the purchase of a gift for the outgoing president from the Executive Board. The collection of the money prior to October.
3. Inform current MARC President of information received at IC Leadership, such as credentials, the flag ceremony and anything that would be happening at IC Convention the coming July.
4. Seek out members to serve on committees for the coming year. Review bylaws to insure you have the sufficient numbers on the committees and insure audit committee members are not from the state that the MARC Treasurer is from. Avoid a conflict of interest.

# Secretary

1. Record minutes of all meetings held:
   1. Midyear Meeting
   2. Board Meeting at IC
   3. Membership meeting at IC
   4. Conference Meeting in October
2. Remind the State Presidents via email that they will need their membership numbers at IC and Annual MARC Conference.
3. Attendance of all Board Members present at all MARC Meetings should be recorded in the minutes.
4. Once minutes have been finalized and approved, a copy needs to be forwarded to Board members and the web master for publication.
5. Prepare page to show elected officers for Bank. Will need to prepare at Conference to be printed and to be presented with all documents required by the financial institution. Refer to copy that should be on electronic media.

# Treasurer

1. Get your name on the checking account along with the President. You will need minutes of the meeting showing election of officers.
2. Set up ledger pages or a method of recording all income and expenses in a format easily understood.
3. Check on status of bond for Treasurer as required by the Bylaws. (Bond is due every 3 years.)
4. Make sure dues are paid prior to due date.
   1. IC Dues – payable to current IC Treasurer (Due August 1 – refer to website for amount)
   2. Tax Facts must be sent to Headquarters before due date of September 15. (Form is available on ESA Website and a copy should be on electronic media device for the Treasurer.)
5. Make deposits when you receive money. Make copies of all checks and the deposit slip. Attach to bank statement.
6. Make copies of all checks written and attach copy to requisition form.
7. Rely to all correspondence in a timely fashion.
8. Midyear Meeting - Work with Budget Committee to have a proposed budget for the Midyear Meeting. Use current budget (one approved at previous Conference) as the guide. Board will provide input and recommendations.
9. Prepare Financial Report for Winter/Spring Board Meeting.
10. Make sure copies are sent to President prior to any meetings for review. (This is not only a courtesy but also can allow errors or omissions to be corrected before presenting to total membership at IC in July)
11. IC – MARC General Membership Meeting. Prepare and present Financial Report – reporting income, disbursements and current balance of Treasury from the October Conference meeting through current date.
12. Present Proposed Budget accepted at Executive Board Meeting. Remind all that the Budget will be voted on at the October Conference.
13. MARC Conference – Prepare and present Financial Report – reporting income, disbursements and current balance of Treasury to reflect the entire year’s business.
14. Have books/ledger ready for audit. Bank statements, records of checks, receipts, etc. should be sent to the audit chair PRIOR to conference and available to the audit committee at conference.
15. Contact Conference Chair and ask that the Proposed Budget be printed in the Conference Booklet.
16. Present Proposed Budget at Saturday’s Meeting. Remind all that a copy is printed in the Conference Booklet and make a motion that the budget be accepted as presented.
17. Contact financial institution to see what forms and/or what procedures need to be performed to change account over to new Treasurer and President. Have all documents at Conference for their signatures.
18. No transactions should be performed by you once audit is complete. All money received at conference should be handled by new treasurer.
19. Plan to give all Treasurer items to new Treasurer at the close of the Conference.

# Parliamentarian

1. Make sure that the By Laws, Standing Rules, Rules of the Meeting and the Ops Manual – Traditions – Needs to Knows – Friendly Reminders are the correct ones on the web site.
2. Make sure all proposed bylaw changes are in the August reMARCs and email a copy to all MARC State Presidents so all have a copy prior to October Conference.
3. Should have Robert Rules of Order book.

# Communicator

1. Make sure all due dates for reMARCs articles are made know to all MARC State Presidents.
2. Also communicate with all MARC Board members, elected, and appointed, of the due dates for the reMARCs.
3. It is not mandatory, but highly recommended that the Communicator set-up email distribution lists for the following groups to send the reMARCs to:
   * MARC Board
   * State Presidents
   * State MARC Reps

# Jr. Past President

1. Try to attend Winter/Spring Board Meeting.
2. Communicate with Nominating committee to seek out persons interested in running for the MARC Board and send the updated Nomination Form to the Webmaster for inclusion in the Forms sections of the Website.
3. Communicate with all current State Presidents to get their input on possible candidates.
4. Make sure all know that the forms are due by June 15 to the Jr. Past President and needs to be signed by their State President.
5. Present slate of Officers at the MARC Membership Meeting at IC.
6. Prepare a skit or presentation for the candidates to do at the annual MARC Conference.
7. Prepare ballots only if there is competition.
8. Contact next state to host Conference for 2 years out to get Conference Chair(s) and location. Remind them they can borrow up to $500 for conference. Remind them it must be repaid from Conference proceeds.

# Foundation Chairman

1. Promote states and members to become members of the Foundation.
2. If a project is done, all money raised must pass through the Treasurer.
3. All money sent to Foundation, needs to be designated to go to MARC supported scholarships.

# Ways and Means Chairman

1. Investigate the laws in the state where the conference is being held regarding the raffles, etc.
2. Plan to attend Midyear Meeting to tour the hotel to ensure ample space for the planned project(s).
3. Contact State Presidents and State MARC Reps to remind them of the Ways and Means and other projects for the Conference in October.

# Chaplain

1. Keep people aware of happy and sad events.
2. Make an email address list of Executive Board, Appointed Officers, State Presidents and State Chaplains.
3. Notify all on this email list of members’ illness, immediate family deaths and births.
4. Send Cards – Purchase cards (get-well, sympathy, etc.) and postage stamps. All receipts are needed for reimbursements from the MARC Treasurer within the budget limits.
5. Birthday cards are to be sent to all over the age of “80”.
6. Meetings – Give prayers before meals at all meetings and functions, including Board meetings.
7. Give invocations or thought for the day at every MARC Meeting.
8. Memorial Service at Annual Conference – In mid-September, contact all state chaplains to obtain the names and chapters of the members who had passed away since the last MARC Conference.
9. Prepare a celebration of life service for Sunday at the MARC Conference. It should include music, readings, and decorations. Provide bulletins for the service. There is a budget for the Chaplain. Make sure the Conference Chair knows of your needs for the service as soon as possible.

# Web Master

1. Main responsibility is to maintain the MARC website. It is a means of communication for all.
2. It needs to be updated on a timely and regular basis.
3. For easy transition, a permanent file describing user IDs, passwords, file structures, naming conventions should be maintained and passed on to the each new Webmaster via the electronic media device.
4. The webmaster needs to work in close proximity with the MARC Board and the editor of the reMARCs. Any changes to MARC forms, bylaws, policies and procedures, and reMARCs should be updated on the website as soon as they are received and approved.
5. The webmaster also needs to make sure that any links to MARC states, ESA, IC and other groups are correct and working properly. Listed below are areas that need to be kept updated on a regular basis:
   1. Calendar
   2. MARC Conference
   3. Officers
   4. ReMARCs
   5. Bylaws, Standing Rules, Ops. Manual
   6. Minutes
   7. Forms
   8. MARC State Information
   9. Photo Album
   10. Links

FOOTNOTE: It is the responsibility of the MARC Council to purchase the necessary software to maintain the website. Weebly or higher for the creation of the website and a program similar to Perfect PDF Creator, both of the programs are fairly inexpensive and should be passed on to each new Webmaster. This should be updated as technology changes. The webmaster needs to keep up with technology and make sure that the website offers the most up-to-date communication tools.

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