**MEUA Executive Committee Meeting- Minutes**

MEUA Office, East Syracuse , NY

April 11, 2017

Present: Pres. Nancy Steedman

Pres. Elect Larry Kilburn

Vice Pres.- Treasurer Owen McIntee

Vice Pres.- Secretary Andrew Thompson

Trustee Brent Bodine

Trustee Jeffery Dobbins

Trustee William Whitfield

Executive Director Tony Modafferi

Others: Lorie Campbell

Meeting was called to order by President Steedman at 4:03 PM.

1. **Read and Approve Minutes-** Minutes from the Executive Committee Meetings on March 2, 2017 were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Trustee Dobbins, seconded by Trustee Whitfield, all in favor, carried.
2. **Treasurer’s Report-Financials-** Vice Pres.- Treasurer McIntee gave a review of the February 2017 financials. A motion was made to approve the financial reports by Trustee Bodine, seconded by Vice Pres.- Treasurer McIntee, all in favor, carried.
3. **President’s Report-**

Hydro Letter- There will be no hydro reduction for the period of May 1 through May 31 , 2017. Current estimates are for no shortage for June 2017 through November 2017.

Annual Meeting Fundraising Event- The Annual Meeting will be held in Saratoga this year. The charity chosen is the Churchville Lions Club, and the funds will be used to replace the sign at the Library in Churchville.

President Steedman thanked everyone for their assistance in giving mutual aid during the storm in the Rochester and Buffalo areas. She also presented a thank you card from Ken Stabb.

1. **Executive Director’s Report-**

TRANSCO Case- There is a hearing going on right now to discuss the latest developments. PSC stood by prior findings by FERC that 90% of the costs should be allocated downstate, and 10% upstate.

Evans and Bennett Review- The report will be reviewed at the Semi- Annual Meeting. It looks positive.

PSC- Pole attachment Charter/ Time Warner- There has been no further developments with this.

CES Update- NYMPA has started billing members for REC’s and ZEC’s. It was noted that customers in most systems were starting to notice the increase in their bill.

Regional Meetings- The Western Regional will be held on 6/28 in Wellsville, the Central Regional will be held in Watkins Glen, and the Northern Regional will be held in Alexandria Bay or Clayton but dates had not been finalized.

Audit Committee Report- The Committee was informed that a resignation letter had been submitted by Jackie Lastowski for the purpose of retirement.

Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda- The Committee reviewed the agenda for the Semi-Annual meeting to be held the following day.

NYS Budget- 18A- The Governor as trying to include the costs from any State agency time related to the PSC in the 18A assessment. This was not approved in the State budget.

Undesignated Cash/Building Maintenance Fund Designation- A motion was made by Trustee Bodine for Executive Director Modafferi to work with BST to create a building maintenance fund. The motion was seconded by Pres. Elect Kilburn. All in favor, carried.

Engineering Workshop- Review- The Committee reviewed the last Engineering Workshop. It was very well attended even though the date had to be changed due to weather.

Corporate Member of the Year- Suggestions for Corporate Member of the year were reviewed, at it was decided that Northline Utilities would be the choice for 2017.

Peter Kroha Plaque- Executive Director Modafferi discussed the recent retirement of Peter Kroha from Lake Placid. Peter will be presented with a plaque at the Semi- Annual Meeting recognizing his contribution to the MEUA over many years.

Minard- Watkins Glen- Executive Director Modafferi notified the Committee of the upcoming retirement of Minard LaFever from Watkins Glen. He plans to retire at the end of June. It was noted that Minard is currently the Central Region Liason and a replacement will have to be selected.

Lorie’s Surgery- Lorie will be out due to having surgery beginning on 4/13 for several weeks. All financial information will be sent to Karen Johnston at BST to compile the financial reports while she is out.

1. **Committee Reports-**

NYPA/MEUA/NYAPP Committee Report- A meeting of the working group was held on 3/3 at the MEUA office. The meeting went well. Ratemaking, metering and scheduling were discussed. At this point the discussion is going back and forth between the MEUA and NYAPP Attorneys. Executive Director Modafferi briefed the committee on a potential forthcoming Article 78 filing by NYAPP in Albany District Court protesting the CES. The Committee agreed that this filing was not in the best interest of the MEUA, and could potentially damage contract negiotiations with NYPA. Pres. Elect Kilburn made a motion to authorize Executive Director Modafferi to draft a response to a potential Article 78 filing by NYAPP, notifying of the MEUA’s disagreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Whitfield. All in favor, carried.

Mutual Aid Update- Vice Pres.-Treasurer McIntee and Executive Director Modafferi will be attending a meeting of the APPA mutual aid working group at the end of March. APPA is in the pre-planning stages for another Mutual Aid drill in the Fall. Vice Pres.-Treasurer McIntee presented the final draft of the Mutual Aid Playbook. This will be presented to and reviewed with the Membership at the Semi-Annual Meeting.

1. **Old Business-** Executive Director Compensation Plan- A motion was made by Trustee Bodine to move the entire compensation plan to NYMPA, with the MEUA contributing half of the cost. The motion was seconded by Pres. Elect Kilburn, all in favor, carried.
2. **New Business-** An application for Corporate Membership was received from LAM Development, LLC and Invoice Cloud. A motion was made to accept Invoice Cloud as an MEUA Corporate Member by Trustee Dobbins, seconded by Trustee Whitfield, all in favor, carried. It was decided to table the approval of LAM Development , LLC until a later date so a discussion could be had with them about their potential fit as a Corporate Member.
3. **Next Meeting-** The next meeting will be held on May 25th at 2:00 PM. (Later amended to May 24th at 2:00 PM)

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:15 PM by Trustee Bodine, seconded by Pres. Elect Kilburn, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Andrew Thompson- VP/ Secretary