



Minnesota Association of Credit Specialists  
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## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 29, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Radisson City Center Hotel, St. Paul, MN (MACS Consultative Meeting)

Members Present: Russell Miller, President  
James Kruize, Vice-President  
Justin Phillips, Secretary  
Sheree Krogstad, MACS Treasurer  
Becky Martinson, MNASE Representative

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The MACS Executive Board met the evening prior to the MACS consultative meeting with the State Office.

The following items were discussed:

➤ **Treasurer's Report**

- Beginning Balance as of 9/10/04.....\$4,699.70
- Income.....\$6,763.22
- Expenses.....\$5,081.40
- Ending Balance as of 3/29/05.....\$6,381.52

- Currently there are 61 managerial members, 20 support members, and 2 associate members.
- The need to actively promote membership to FLO(T)'s and PT was discussed. All members need to be involved in membership promotion with the District representatives leading the way.

➤ **Fundraisers** – NACS is currently holding a fundraiser. Minnesota was given 85 tickets to sell. If all tickets are sold, Minnesota will receive one free registration to the National Convention. Also, for any tickets sold above and beyond the 85 tickets, MACS will receive \$2.50/ticket. Ticket sales are currently going on. Response has been fair.

➤ **FMA Update** – Russell Miller and James Kruize will be attending the FMA meetings in Washington, D.C. in April. April 13<sup>th</sup> will be the “Day on the Hill.” Appointments have been confirmed with Collin Peterson, Earl Pomeroy, and Kent Conrad. No word has been received as of yet regarding the appointments with Byron Dorgan, Norm Coleman, and Mark Dayton.



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- **MACS Annual Convention** – Discussion was held regarding the location of the convention this year. It was decided that Detroit Lakes would be pursued. Two tentative weekends will be explored, September 8 & 9 and September 15 & 16. It was decided that preference will be given to the earlier weekend. James Kruize will lead the organization efforts. Discussion was also held regarding a Thursday/Friday convention versus a Friday/Saturday convention. It was decided that for 2005, the Thursday/Friday format would be followed with discussion at the annual meeting to see what the general membership favors. The noon lunch format will return and the District Reps will be asked to bring door prizes from their district to raffle off at the meeting. The board decided upon a 9:00 a.m. start time for the meeting.
- **National Convention** – All members interested in attending the National Convention should contact Russell Miller.
- **District Reps** – Discussion was held regarding the possibility of addressing district reps and district boundaries due to the redistricting of the state. The consensus of the board was to leave the district reps as is and discuss the issue at the annual meeting in September.
- **Executive Offices** – Members should be aware that all executive board positions are available to be run for at the annual meeting. Any member interested in running for office should attend the annual meeting in September.
- **Next Meeting** – The next Executive Board meeting date was tentatively scheduled for July 2005.

The Executive Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin A. Phillips  
MACS Secretary