

**Michigan Townships Association
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 16, 2009
MEETING RECAP**

<p>President Colleen Schwartz reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “On the Road” meetings were a success. One attendee stated that he is really proud to be a part of MTA and gets a lot of value from his membership. • NATaT: It was a success! Michigan attendees enjoyed the state breakfast in a historic room located in the Senate Russell building with Michigan Senators Levin and Stabenow and Congressman Mark Schauer in attendance. • The Oakland Co. Chapter of MTA took a bus trip to Lansing to visit with their state legislators. The group also had the chance to sit in the Capitol House gallery while they were in session. • Michigan Society of Association Executives Banquet – President Schwartz congratulated Larry Merrill and Debra McGuire for their leadership awards. She also said she was honored to be the one who presented their awards. 	<p>PRESIDENT’S REPORT</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda Adoption:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Seating of Guests b) Board of Directors Meeting Report – August 12, 2009 c) NATaT Featured State Task Force Report – August 20, 2009 d) Finance Committee Report – September 16, 2009 e) Environment Committee Report – September 17, 2009 f) Land Use Committee Report – September 17, 2009 g) Elections Committee Report – September 22, 2009 h) Assessment & Tax Administration Committee Report – September 22, 2009 i) Executive Committee Report – September 25, 2009 j) Treasurer’s Report <p>MOTION: Bill Gadwau moved, and it was supported, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: ALL Nays: NONE Motion Carried.</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>Gene Jorissen presented the Local Authority Committee report for adoption.</p> <p>MOTION: Jack Randolph moved, and it was supported, to approve the Local Authority Committee report as presented. Ayes: ALL Nays: NONE Motion Carried.</p>	<p>LATE COMMITTEE REPORTS LOCAL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE</p>

<p><u>Board Discussion:</u></p> <p>The Board concurred with the Executive Committee’s recommendation to improve volunteerism. The following implementation steps were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a list of potential volunteer activities • Reach out to the members to see what their level of interest is in serving as volunteers in various capacities • Utilize the county chapters more • Challenges of utilizing volunteers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Four-year turnover with election cycle of officials ○ Coordinating and keeping track of volunteers ○ Limited staff resources ○ Set parameters for the volunteer groups • Advantages of utilizing volunteers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Different views will be offered by members ○ More resources will be offered around the state ○ Offer volunteers to serve on the Conference Committee to provide “fresh” ideas 	<p>MTA MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p><i>MEMBER VOLUNTEERS</i></p>
<p><u>Staff Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Bertram gave an update on the legislature and the state budget for FY 2009/2010. • Bill Anderson gave an update on the State health care debate. • Larry Merrill gave a report on the membership renewals. 	<p>STAFF REPORTS</p>
<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>