



8/22/2024

The Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries Board of Directors meeting was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth. The meeting was called to order at 3:45pm by President Suzanne Rowland.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: President Suzanne Rowland and Secretary/Treasurer Kirk Caithamer. Board members: Dan Carter, Andy Case, Heather Cooley, Wendy Meldrum, and Blayn Szyska.

### **Business:**

#### **Election of Officers:**

1. **President:** Suzanne Rowland, City of Kalamazoo. Motion by Meldrum with support by Case to nominate. No other board member was nominated. 7 years and 0 nays, carried. This term will end in 2025.
2. **Vice President:** Wendy Meldrum, East China Charter Township. Motion by Carter with support by Szyska to nominate. Blayn Szyska, East China Charter Township. Motion by Rowland with support by Meldrum to nominate. Meldrum over Szyska by a 4 – 2 hand vote. This is an open-ended term subject to MAMC Bylaws.
3. **Secretary / Treasurer:** Kirk Caithamer, City of Ludington. Motion by Carter with support by Szyska to nominate. No other board member was nominated. 7 years and 0 nays, carried. This is an open-ended term subject to MAMC Bylaws.

#### **Election of Board Members:**

4. **New Board Members:** Cindy Davis, LOR Consulting. Motion by Meldrum with support by Carter. 7 years and 0 nays, carried. This term will end in 2027. Scott Holtz, Sumpter Township. Motion by Meldrum with support by Caithamer. 7 years and 0 nays, carried. This term will end in 2025.
5. **Current Board Member:** Wendy Meldrum, East China Charter Township. Motion by Caithamer with support by Carter. 7 years and 0 nays, carried. This term will end in 2027.

#### **Other Business:**

6. **2025 Conference Location:** The Conference will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City. The dates will be August 20<sup>th</sup> ~ August 22<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Conference Topics/ Ideas:** Arborist, Cemetery design, Cindy Davis, cultural burial practices, genealogical speaker, ground penetrating radar, National Parks Services, Native American Burials, natural landscapes and restoration, were named as ideas.
8. **MAMC / MCA Merger:** The concept was introduced to Caithamer by Russ Burns who is with the Michigan Cemetery Association Board of Directors. Discussion of the pros and cons was had by the MAMC board. At this time the board will not pursue this endeavor. Rowland will write a letter to Burns thanking him for his inquiry and let him know our decision.
9. **Cindy Davis Provision:** Motion by Meldrum with support by Cooley to work language in the MAMC bylaws for Davis to be on the board. 7 years and 0 nays, carried.
10. **Bylaw Updates:** Tabled at this time.

### **Miscellaneous Business:**

1. Future meeting dates have been set:  
October 16, 2024 @ 10:00am - In person  
February 19, 2025 @ 10:00am - In person  
June 25, 2025 @ 10:00am - In person  
July 30, 2025 @ 10:00am - Via video platform  
August 20, 2025 @ 3:00pm - Conference

Motion to adjourn was made by Meldrum and supported by Szyska. 7 yeas and 0 nays, carried.

4:59pm Meeting ended.

Kirk Caithamer  
MAMC Secretary/Treasurer

**These minutes have not been approved by the MAMC Board of Directors at this time.**