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**Mid-Atlantic Rotary Leadership Institute  
(MARLI) Virtual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2025**

**Welcome**

Meeting called to order by Chair, Sean Sawyer at: 6:00 pm

Roll was taken and a quorum was determined with 11 of 15 voting members present:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
D7280 – Jack Cohen	X
D7545 – Jane Stout	X
D7570 – Tarek Moneir	
D7600 – Rudy Garcia	X
D7610 – Steve Radich	X
D7620 – Laurie Reuben	X
D7630 – Roger Harrell	X
D7670 – Bronwen Talley-Coffey	X
D7680 – Lorena Prince	
D7690 – Brandy Phillips-Brandon	
D7710 – Tara Abernathy	X
D7720 – Sherri Williams	X
D7730 – Rick Moreau	
D7750 – Carol Burdette	X
D7770 – Tom Ledbetter	X

**Board members Present:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
Chair: PDG Sean Sawyer	X
Vice Chair and Nominating Committee Chair: Chris Stevenson	X
iPast-Chair and Secretary: Marcia Scheideman	X

Treasurer: Barbara Dresser	X
Faculty Trainer: Chris Zabriskie	X
Public Image Committee Chair: Bea Carson	X
Director 2023-26 SuAnne Bryant	X
Director 2023-26 Tom Ledbetter	X
Director 2023-26 Renee Stubbs	X
Director 2024-27 Tara Abernathy	X
Director 2024-27 Carol Burdette	X
Director 2024-27 Roger Harrell	X
Director 2025-28 Marilyn Nevy Cruz	
Director 2025-28 Lin Kelly	X
Director 2025-28 Tarek Moneir	

**Welcome and Introductions by Chair – Sean Sawyer**

Sean welcomed all members and guests and acknowledged new board members, thanking everyone for their service.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary Report**

- Marcia Scheideman, Secretary, provided the secretary’s report.
- Minutes from summer board meeting were made available electronically prior to the meeting.
- SuAnne clarified that voting members represented by all member districts vote at the annual meeting and are not considered as voting units for Board meetings. Board members from which the quorum is determined approve reports and vote on policy changes.
- The minutes of the July 11, 2025 meeting will be amended to reflect that clarification.
- Tom Ledbetter moved to approve the minutes as amended; Bea Carson seconded.
- Amended minutes approved.

**Treasurer Report**

- Barbara Dresser, Treasurer, provided the treasurer’s report focusing on the Profit & Loss Report.
- Current statement
  - Checking - \$69,350
  - Simple Savings - \$14,780
  - DC - \$50,000
  - Accounts Receivable - \$2,400
  - TOTAL - \$136,530

- MARLI remains in a healthy financial position (See Finance Committee for further discussion)
- New pins for graduates have been ordered
- Chris Stevenson moved for acceptance of the treasurer report; SuAnne Bryant seconded.
- Treasurer Report approved.

## **LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

### **District Chair Report**

- Sean solicited stories from District Chairs

### **Regional Coordinator Report**

- Roger reported on activity in Districts 7610, 7620, 7630

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Ad-Hoc – Carol Burdette**

- Created to address loose ends
- A lot of discussion on surplus funds and how to use them. No recommendations determined. Plan to collaborate with Finance Committee.
- Issue regarding use of PHF points for RLI recognitions was dismissed.

### **Bylaws**

- SuAnne requested clarification on last version of the bylaws sent out as to whether they had been approved or not. Current bylaws in RLI file are ratified. The finance committee has some potential changes that will be sent to the committee for consideration

### **Events & Meetings**

- Virtual Faculty Update – October 21, 2025
- On-line Faculty Training – January 5, 6, & 8
- Annual Meeting/Faculty Training/New Faculty Training/Parts 1, 2, & 3/Graduate Course – January 29-31. Alumni will be convened during this meeting as well.

### **Faculty Training and Curriculum**

- Renee Stubbs reported on most recent new faculty training.
- Committee continues to work through updating participant manuals and faculty guides. Learning materials available from RI are recommended as being included in RLI experience.

### **Finance**

- Committee is actively engaged in discussions regarding expenses/surplus funds. Will ultimately make recommendations to bylaws committee
- Job Descriptions currently being reviewed

### **Nominating**

- Rudy Garcia is taking lead as committee chair. Vice chair Chris Stevenson needed to step away due to conflict.
- Seeking MARLI Board of Directors Chair to assume position on July 1, 2026. Several applications have already received.
- Committee reminded that the secretary position will also need to be filled.

### **Policy**

- No report

### **Public Image**

- Website continues to be updated
- Testimonials can be added to website
- Alumni meeting scheduled for January in Kannapolis
- Welcome letter still under development but currently being implemented with session evaluation
- Request for standard talking points developed for club visits that PI committee can coordinate.
- Individually developed tools should be sent to Bea Carson for review and distribution
- Bea will take lead in exploring policy of non-Rotarians taking RLI
  - Tom Ledbetter and Chris Zabriskie volunteered to be on committee

### **Old Business**

- Welcome letter developed and being implemented

### **New Business**

- Sean reported on informal discussion that took place in Kannapolis during which time a lot of ideas were presented
- District 7305 is considering aligning with Mid-Atlantic RLI
- New yard signs area available

**Meeting Adjourned** – 7:39 pm

**Next Quarterly Board Meeting** – RCCC, Kannapolis NC – January 29-31, 2026