

Midwest Conference on Masonic Education  
2023 Business Meeting Minutes  
29 April 2023  
Canton Masonic Temple, Canton, Ohio

The 2023 business meeting was held on 29 April 2023 in the Canton Masonic Temple in Canton, OH at 3:45pm. It was determined that a voting quorum was present. The MCME treasurer and 3<sup>rd</sup> VP were absent.

**Actions taken**

1. A motion was made and seconded to accept the audit report (available on the conference website) from the audit committee of the 2022 finances of the conference. The vote was unanimous to accept the report.
2. A motion was made and a seconded to accept 2023 budget (available on the conference website). The vote was unanimous.
3. Election of New Jurisdiction – Indiana submitted application and payment to reenter the conference. A motion was made and seconded to accept their application for membership in the conference. The vote was unanimous.
4. Election of Officers
  - a. Nominations were opened for Treasurer of the MCME. Bro. Joshua Thompson was nominated. With no further nominations offered, votes were cast. The votes were unanimous for Bro. Thompson.
  - b. Nominations were opened for Secretary of the MCME. MWB Thomas Hauder was nominated. With no further nominations offered, votes were cast. The votes were unanimous for MWB Hauder.
  - c. Nominations were opened for President and Vice Presidents. By acclamation, it was decided to advance each of the current VP's one level making Bro. Niemeyer President, Bro. Buckhorn, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Bro. Parker (standing in for Bro. Lingerfelt) 2<sup>nd</sup>. VP.
  - d. MWB Bob Conley of Michagan was Nominated as 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. Votes were cast and were unanimous.
  - e. Bro. Chad Lacek of Illinois was Nominated as 4<sup>rd</sup> VP. Votes were cast and were unanimous.
  - f. Bro. Chad Kopenski will automatically be installed as immediate Past President of the MCME.
5. A motion was made to create the Edward Rund Memorial Excellence in Education Award to be given each year at the conference to the jurisdiction or individual Mason who has shown excellence in Masonic Education. After a brief discussion was held, the vote was taken and was unanimous in favor to create such an award. The details to be worked out by the Board of Directors and proposed at the next BOD meeting.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was closed in peach and harmony until we meet again on May 3 – 5, 2024 in Bloomington, MN.

Submitted by: Thomas L. Hauder, PGM Nebraska, Secretary MCME