

**Vision**

To be the Malcolm Baldrige of quality councils!

Mission

To promote quality by providing:

- KNOWLEDGE for improved community;
- RECOGNITION of excellence; and
- OPPORTUNITY to learn and network.

**Mankato Area Council for Quality
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 8, 2008
Holiday Inn, Civic Center
Mankato, Minnesota
11:30 a.m.**

Members Attending: David Cowan, Carol Stallkamp, Gloria Zachow, Jeff Poole, Dennis Begalle, Amy Ites, Matt Chmielewski

Guests: Matt Maes, Gary Feichtinger, Joe Orchard

President Matt Chmielewski welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

No report

Treasurer's Report:

Gloria Zachow's report indicated a balance of \$4,528.33 in the checking account and a balance of \$597.82 in the savings account. (See attached report.) There is one additional bill that has been paid, but will be noted on next month's report. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

Annual membership dues invoices have been mailed to current members. She will provide a status report at the February meeting.

Business Items discussed:

There are open dates on the Speaker's List. Amy is working on a speaker for the February meeting. If you have ideas for speakers, please give those names to Matt.

Jonathan Zierdt, Greater Mankato Growth, has expressed interest in attending a Board meeting.

Above and Beyond Award: David Cowan recommended that Thomas Thompson and the Body Shop at Clements Auto be recognized for outstanding service. (See attached.) It was moved and seconded that an Above and Beyond Certificate be awarded. Motion passed.

David Cowan introduced his guests, Joe Orchard and Matt Maes.

David Cowan nominated Matt Maes for a position on the Board of Directors (position expiring in 2010.) It was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

Matt C suggested that members think about other potential Board members and invite them to attend a meeting.

There was brief discussion of the SEED grant program. Matt thought it was a good program and a small amount of money was being suggested. There was no further discussion.

Matt asked if the Board was interested in starting to plan the banquet. At the next meeting, he will ask if there are members interested in planning. The key piece is who is being honored and where we have it.

Members shared quality initiatives at their businesses.

David Cowan introduced the guest speaker, Gary Feichtinger, Account Executive with Innovative Office Solutions, who spoke on quality in his company.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

**Carol Stallkamp
Secretary, MACQ**