

## **MDIC Board Meeting Minutes March 7, 2017**

**Members present:** Gil Milburn Westfall, Gene Gross, Courtney Leathers Allen, David Littman, Ali Smits, Samantha Rutsky, Elizabeth Bonnano, Diana Powell, Sue Waters

### **Lost checks/cash from February luncheon:**

Cash payments are a total loss - we will absorb the lost cash and the cost of canceled check fees. Most checks have been replaced - some may be paid today when people check in. Shelli is keeping track and will update list of missing payments as they come in. Gil paid for two lunches last month - Samantha will note and reimburse or credit him toward next lunch.

### **Rogue Member:**

Members who raised the issue requested that the rogue member's name is not shared with group. Shelli is aware of the person's name and will flag a board member if this person shows up at a lunch. So far they haven't attended a lunch since renewing membership. Future new members and renewals will have a vetting process instead of auto-renewal through the website. We should review all members who are not attorneys or mental health professionals and perhaps announce review process at next lunch meeting.

### **Potential New Member - Jody Bruns:**

She is a mortgage broker; several board members have been to her presentations. She has a lot of in depth knowledge around divorce refinancing/mortgage qualification issues. MDIC is likely marketing for her but she may also provide referrals to our members. Board votes in favor of admitting Jodi. Ali will contact Jodi regarding membership.

### **Conference Topic Ideas:**

1. Grey divorce - this divorce age group is growing with the baby boomers. Issues in grey divorce:

- Competence;
- Financial challenges
- Mental health issues;
- Emancipation (special needs adult children);
- Retirement planning.

2. Same sex marriage

3. Transgender issues

We can brainstorm conference topics more at board retreat.

### **Board Retreat:**

Friday, June 23rd at YaYa's: 12-4pm.

Ali will remind entire board.

### **Directories:**

All positive feedback!

Courtney M. has extra directories.  
Lorraine did a phenomenal job!

**Bob Pelc resigned as a board member:**

Do bylaws include a process to replace a member midterm?

Can we appoint Lorraine to fill his place?