

Midwest Regional Button Association
GENERAL MEETING
October 14, 2023
Normal, IL

Meeting called to order at 8:33 AM by President Helen Richwine.

- Minutes of the last meeting are posted on the MRBA website, so no reading the 2021 meeting minutes is required. No corrections were offered.
- Helen asked meeting attendees to be sure to fill out the show evaluation form and return it.

Treasurer's report, Lisa Schulz:

Lisa summarized MRBA's pre-show finances. Detailed itemization of income and expenses is available from Lisa. Income & expenses to date are:

\$10,109.73	2023 income (primarily show meals & state membership dues)
<u>(\$ 3,783.58)</u>	<u>2023 expenses</u>
\$ 6,326.15	net 2023 profit <i>to date</i> before final show expenses are paid

Current cumulative balance of checking, savings, & Paypal accounts is \$42,064.70. Preliminary total of last night's fund-raiser auction is \$5,263.00

Show chairperson report: Russa Milburn

Russa thanked the dealers for traveling from points around the US. Russa also thanked the Holiday Inn staff for their excellent care of our group; and Paul Thomas for his assistance before and during the show. Favor buttons will be for sale for \$20 each at 10 AM in the showroom's Education Station.

Competition summary:

Barbara thanked judges, clerks, and the runner, with special thanks to Melanie Olson for her support and assistance. 26 entrants submitted 60 trays. Barbara announced winners of the six show theme awards, and the monetary prize totals for all entrants. Awards for the 2026 show will be posted on the website in approximately two years. There will be no MRBA show in 2024 and 2025 because the National Button Show will be held in MRBA member states during those years. She also went over the tray check-out procedure, which will commence at 2 PM today.

Old business: none

New business:

- Helen reviewed two small changes to the MRBA bylaws. One change regards holding special meetings as circumstances require. The other change provides for newly elected officers to assume office on October 15 of the year in which they are elected.
- Helen reviewed the process for the states to elect their representatives to the MRBA board. All new state representatives for 2023 have been elected. Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Texas will elect or re-elect their representatives to the board during 2024.
- Our challenge thru 2024, 2025, and the first half of 2026 is staying connected because of the absence of MRBA shows until 2026. The board will reach out to the states, and each state has an elected representative to the MRBA board whose brief includes keeping his or her state members aware of MRBA proceedings. The MRBA website is also available and will be updated as needed.

- MRBA officer nominees for 2024 and 2025 are Paul Thomas, president; Edie Walsh, vice-president; Lisa Schulz, treasurer, Gary Brockman, secretary. No additional individuals were nominated from the floor. Members voted by a show of hands, and the full slate of officers was duly elected.
- Once again, our next show will be in 2026.

The membership having raised no additional new business items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 AM.