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MINUTES – MRTA Informative & Protective Services Committee Meeting  
MRTA Office Facility, Jefferson City, Missouri  
October 20, 2016

The meeting of the MRTA Informative & Protective Services (IPS) Committee was called to order by Karen Earnest, IPS State and Region 2 Chair. In addition to Ms. Earnest, the following persons were in attendance. Jim Kreider, MRTA Executive Director; Sandy Applegate, MRTA President; Kay Green, Region 1; Marilyn Carr, Region 3; Ruth Cutright, Region 4; Janice Mann, Region 6; Eleanor Terry, Region 7; Judy Pohl, Region 8; Mary Blanche, Region 10; Phillip Tucker, Region 11; Mary Wilhite, Region 12; Barbara Prideaux, Region 13; John Pohl, MRTA President Elect; Charlene Pittman, Guest; Tom Wales, FTJ, and Lisa Holtmeyer, MRTA Office Administrator. Unable to attend were committee members from Regions 5, 9, and 14.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Mary Wilhite and then the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mary Blanche.

Janice Mann moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting of the IPS Committee, seconded by Mary Blanche. Motion Passed.

President Applegate welcomed the group, and expressed how she appreciates the work that the committee does.

Director Kreider also welcomed the group and reminded them of how important this committee was because of today's world and that he appreciates all of their hard work. Jim talked about how the committee needs to work on educating MRTA members on how to protect their information especially their passwords, and how they needed to continue to work on growing MRTA's membership. He briefly discussed the COLA situation, upcoming legislative year, and encouraged each person to vote.

The Committee then discussed doing a special IPS bulletin on Cyber Security Awareness, which would be sent out around the end of October.

The committee then reviewed a draft of the Goals and Duties of the Informative and Protective Services Committee for 2017. A change was made to the 2017 Focus to say "To Focus on providing MRTA members with information regarding identity theft and cyber security awareness." A motion was made by Barbara Prideaux to approve this change and was seconded by Ruth Cutright. A #6 was added to the By section: "Participating in National Cyber Security Month in October as a statewide IPS project." A motion was made by Marilyn Carr to approve these changes and Kay Green seconded. The next change was to add "such as: The Missouri Attorney General's Office and Forrest T. Jones & Co." to

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the end of #4 in the By section. A motion was made by Phillip Tucker to approve this change and Ruth Cutright seconded. Another changes was to take out item #5 in the By section. A motion was made by Phillip Tucker and Barbara Prideaux seconded. Ruth Cutright moved to accept the 2017 Goals and Duties as amended and to present them to the MRTA Board of Directors for approval. Phillip Tucker seconded. Motion passed.

Director Kreider advised each Regional IPS Chair to call their Unit IPS chairs maybe once a month to check in with them. If a unit didn't have an IPS Chair he told them to get into contact with the Unit President to pass on the information and to remind them that they need to fill that position. Jim then passed out to each Regional Chair, a list of all the Unit IPS Chairs in their Region. He briefly reviewed the MRTA Website instructing the group on how to find articles for their IPS Meetings and how to find articles on related websites.

Tom Wales, FTJ, spoke with attendees about other benefits available to members. He spoke about the Medicare Part D and reminded them it was open enrollment time. He then spoke about the Kemper Home Healthcare Policy, ID Theft Insurance, and Legal Shield. He offered to attend local meetings to speak with members about benefits offered by FTJ available to MRTA members and let the chairs know they can always call FTJ for brochures or information for their meetings. Tom informed the chairs that they need to write down their passwords, keep them in a safe place, and to change them at least once a month. He then walked through the process on how to sign up for ID Theft or Legal Shield online.

Director Kreider then told the Regional Chairs that MRTA would pay for a year's worth of ID Theft Insurance and Legal Shield for each chair. They were told to fill out a form and get it back to Lisa Holtmeyer so she could sign them up online.

Chairwoman Earnest closed by discussing the different handouts in the packets that each chair received. She then gave the Regional Chairs time to share different programs or ideas that they may have done in their region.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Holtmeyer, MRTA Office Administrator