



Michigan Organization of Residence Hall Associations, Inc.

MORHA 31: 2010-2011 in Review

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Meeting Capsules:

October Business Meeting: Grand Valley State University

The October Business Meeting was the first business meeting for the new board, and the first time that we were joined by Davenport University. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting and participated in business or programs, including programs presented by members of RHA at Grand Valley State University. The creation of articles governing the Michigan Association of Residence Hall Honorary was the focus of business. Attendees decorated paper bags to be used as lunch bags for charity, and finished the weekend by participating in the cleaning of a children's center on the GVSU campus.

January Business Meeting: Michigan State University

The January Business Meeting was attended by approximately 30 people; attendees stayed in the IM Building on MSU's campus and conducted business in the MSU Union. Programs were presented by members of the board, Ferris State University Advisor Paul Willard, and members of RHA at MSU. The business of the meeting was getting the governing documents of MORHA in order in preparation to file Articles of Incorporation with the State of Michigan. Attendees finished the weekend by participating in an auction to raise money for Habitat for Humanity and also made blankets to benefit a local shelter.

MORHA 2011: The University of Michigan

The Game of Life was presented by a 6-person planning team at the University of Michigan and took place from March 18-20. The conference was attended by 135 delegates and 15 staff, board, and special guests. Attendees participated in more than 30 programs as well as the reworked conference case study. School of the Year was awarded to Eastern Michigan University, and MARHH Chapter of the Year was awarded to the Olivia Lake Chapter at Saginaw Valley State University.



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April Business Meeting: Saginaw Valley State University

The April Election Meeting was a busy meeting that saw programs from the MORHA Board and an Advisor, in addition to the election of a new MORHA Board and the selection of a new philanthropy project. Attendees volunteered at the Saginaw Children's Zoo and helped to clean up the grounds for the spring zoo season.

The 2010-2011 MORHA Board

Director	Dan Frechtling, The University of Michigan
Student Resource Consultant	Kenneth W. Horne, Jr, Grand Valley State University
Associate Directors:	
Records	Daniel Anderson, Jr, The University of Michigan (2010) DJ McKerr, The University of Michigan (2011)
Public Relations	Jamie Herrygers, Central Michigan University
Programming	Russell Slendebroek, Baker College of Muskegon
Recognition	Duane Roberts, Jr, Ferris State University
Advisor-elect	Kara Hoholik, Western Michigan University
Conference Chairs	John Hughes & DJ Mason, The University of Michigan

Member Schools (Year-end)

Central Michigan University	Michigan State University
Davenport University	Saginaw Valley State University
Eastern Michigan University	The University of Michigan
Ferris State University	Western Michigan University
Grand Valley State University	

Changes, Notes & Accomplishments

1. The MORHA Philanthropy was Habitat for Humanity; Eastern Michigan University in particular supported the philanthropy, ultimately building houses as part of an alternative spring break trip.
2. Davenport University was the sole school to join MORHA this year.
3. Baker College of Muskegon left MORHA in December 2010, citing issues with the cost of MORHA. This terminated the term of Russell Slendebroek as the Associate Director of Programming.



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4. The MORHA Constitution was split into multiple documents: the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, Award Guidelines, Scholarship Guidelines, and the MARRH Constitution.
5. MORHA incorporated as a non-profit organization in early 2011.
6. MORHA qualifies as a Section 501(c)3 organization based on annual gross income figures
7. Major Legislative Changes
 - a. The adoption of the Constitution of MARRH
 - b. Ratification of the new set of Governing Documents
 - c. The Advisor-elect is responsible for advising MARRH
 - d. The MORHA Advisor and Advisor-elect must be student affairs employees, but do not have to work directly for a housing department
8. MOCCs were given the opportunity to present or attend programs starting with the third (of four) programming sessions at the annual conference.
9. Advisors had the opportunity to present or attend programs for ART Core and Elective courses at the Annual Conference.
10. New merchandise was ordered: t-shirts and messenger bags. Profits are reserved for the MORHA Philanthropy.
11. MORHA proved to be an effective training ground for MOCCs, as many of them concurrently served as NCCs and acquitted themselves well in the larger GLACURH Boardroom.
12. MORHA's paper records were recovered from MTU.
13. A Use-of-Space agreement was signed with Michigan State University and will allow MORHA to use MSU's RHA office address (and some space) until 2013, with renewal options past 2013.

Director's Perspective

Hey MORHA – Alumni and Current Members:

The end of the 2010-2011 MORHA Year brought with it the close of more than a year's work toward stabilizing MORHA. A common thought during the 2009-2010 MORHA Year was that the organization was providing solid services for member institutions, and there was even some conversation that the organization might cease to exist.

A revitalization of MORHA was in order, and it took place through well-reasoned and intentional efforts to stabilize the organization. Multiple pieces of legislation passed at the January 2010 Business Meeting to update the MORHA Constitution. Frank



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conversations were had at the MORHA 2010 Conference with both MOCCs and Advisors that sought to identify problems with MORHA and potential solutions.

For the April 2010 meeting, a fundamental paradigm shift was revealed, and it would be carried through the rest of the year; it was an emphasis on MORHA's programming and service activities and a devaluing of the MORHA Boardroom. Family members are strongly encouraged to attend programming sessions and discouraged from observing business, while MOCCs are encouraged to work through business efficiently or simply scheduled to participate in family programming.

Starting with the October 2010 meeting, MORHA really started to gain momentum. A new school, Davenport University, joined MORHA and immediately began making contributions to the organization, while existing member schools seemed to make a concerted effort to help enhance the organization.

Behind the scenes Daniel Anderson, Jr (AD-R) and I were working at proposing a new set of governing documents for MORHA. The documents were meant to be friendlier to incorporation as a non-profit organization, and also to be split by category as much as possible to make relevant information easier to find. The new documents were approved with minor changes at the January 2011 Business Meeting, and MORHA officially incorporated soon after.

The MORHA Annual Conference was the biggest and best conference since 2008 (with apologies to WMU and SVSU, who did fine work in hosting 2009 and 2010). Total conference attendance by delegates and advisors was 135, roughly 35% higher than in previous years. More than 30 programs were accepted, which represented a slightly higher total than previous years.

The year concluded with an April Business Meeting that featured the election of an entirely new executive board, and I have every confidence that the group will lead MORHA to a wildly successful 32nd year.

MORHA has accomplished a dramatic turn-around in the span of 15 months and is at the present a much healthier and more welcoming organization than it had been in recent memory. There is a renewed sense of optimism and pride among MORHA members, and some tangible benefits to membership in the organization. At the same time, there is a keen sense that there is still work to be done, and the organization will continue to strive to be better in the years to come.

With sincere thanks and MORHA Love,

Dan Frechtling, Director, 2010-2011