



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, September 30, 2020 – 12:00 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

REGISTERED (31): Julia Applegate (MBA Board), Moorestown Friends School; Melissa Arcaro Burn; Candace Coleman (MBA Board, Secretary), MoorArts; Jim Davis, Resource Realty; Craig Dennin (MBA Board), Moorestown Auto Body; Jeffrey Fortune; Nicole Gillespie, Knowles Teacher Initiative; Kathy Hiltner (MBA Board, Vice-President), Liberty Bell Bank; Mike Locatell, Town Council; John Logue; Andrew Mackerer, Mackerer Law Offices; Charles McCullough, CPA; Victoria Napolitano, Town Council; Vinny Napolitano, Moorestown Republicans; Russ Nesevich, Nesevich Law; Don Nguyen, La Vie Salon; Steven Pazienza (MBA Board, President), Pazienza & Softly Business Ventures; Mark Pensiero, STEM; Sarah Rivera; Lynn Schill; Wolf Skacel, EnviroCOP; Joe Skwara, Ameriprise Financial; Cyndee Solomon; Jill Spangler, Liberty Bell Bank; Richard Sweeney; Dennis Talty, Law Offices of Dennis P. Talty; Wayne Urffer, Recycled Design; Noam Yalon (MBA Board, Treasurer), 941 Payroll & Timekeeping. Guests: David Doug Maute, Barbara Omert, and Vick Bobadilla, Republican candidates for Moorestown Town Council.

Call to Order: President Steven Pazienza called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes recorded at the September 16 General Membership Meeting and today's General Membership Meeting will be submitted for approval at the October General Membership Meeting.

Welcome: MBA President Steven Pazienza welcomed guests and made the following announcements:

- **Sponsors:** MBA thanks all its Diamond and Platinum level sponsors, who are acknowledged at all MBA events.
- **Membership Renewals:** Members were notified that their 2020 memberships would roll over through 2021 due to restrictions placed on membership activities because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- **Sponsorships:** Similarly, all 2020 MBA Sponsorships will be renewed at no cost in 2021. Members who are not already sponsors were encouraged to support the MBA in this way, and do so by January 15 in order to be recognized in the printed directory.
- **Board Positions:** At least two board positions will need to be filled by the end of this year. Members interested in serving should contact incoming MBA President Kathy Hiltner.

MBA Happy Hour: MBA Vice President reminded attendees that the MBA will be hosting an outdoor Happy Hour on the grounds of Perkins Center for the Arts tomorrow evening from 5:15-7:15. Those interested in attending should register on the MBA website.

Program: Meet the Candidates

In successive Autumn meetings during election years, the MBA traditionally hosts candidates from both political parties to speak and take questions. The Democratic candidates were invited to present their ideas at the September 16 meeting and the Republican candidates will speak today. The moderator for both forums is former MBA Board Member Russ Nesevich. Candidates Doug Maute, Barbara Omert, and Vick Bobadilla introduced themselves and then took questions about a variety of topics, including: Moorestown's reputation as difficult for new business start-ups; ways to improve opportunities for existing local businesses; the Moorestown Police Department; Council's relationship with the MBA and EDAC; microbrews; Percheron Park; and efforts to improve the Lenola area of town.

Adjournment: Steven Pazienza adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Submitted by Candace Coleman, Board Secretary