



**MBA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Hy Vee Market Grille Breakfast Buffet**  
**December 13, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome:** President Michael Higgins

**Secretary's Report:** November minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** November: Expenses: \$884.00; Income: 0.00; Balance \$17,239.69. Approved as presented.

**Program:**

- President Higgins recognized local officials who provide the Association with updates on City and County matters at monthly membership meetings: They are Alderwoman Ward 6: Kristin DiCenso; Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin; County Board Member: Lisa Hills; Neighborhood Police Officer: Mike Badger.
- President Higgins also spoke about the success of Bites on the Boulevard and its importance as an event for members of the community to gather and socialize. He announced four Bites events for 2019 in June, July, August and September. He emphasized the need to fix the Boulevard's infrastructure and said the Association will work with the City to secure funding for IDOT's plan for improving the Boulevard and to accomplish the transfer of ownership of the Boulevard from the State to the City.

**MBA Board Election:**

- David Farrell, Nominations' Chair, thanked outgoing Board members, John LeValley and Fred Coombe, for their years of service to the Association and proposed the following nominees to serve as members of the Board in 2019 for a term of one year: Michael Higgins, President, Katie Davison, Vice President, Jess Weitzel, Secretary and Daniel Shelton, Treasurer. Also, Justin Creasey, Paul DeMink, Julie Dirksen, Doug Dougherty, Loretta Durbin, Chis Hanken, and Denise Perry.
- MBA member Stephen Stone moved to accept the slate as presented. The motion carried and the Board was elected.

**2018 Recognitions:**

- Julie Dirksen recognized the following businesses, schools and groups:
  - Four new businesses opened in 2018: Free Press Coffee, Jane Ann Petty, Owner; Allied Design Consultants, Todd Hannah, Principal; Underdog Sports, Paul Layton and Kelly Pulliam, Owners; Wonderful Waffle Company, Cagkan "Chuck" Col and Mert Cantali, Owners. All were presented with a Welcome to our new Business Neighbor Plaque.
  - 2018 Illinois Times Best of Springfield winners on the Boulevard and nearby: Gyro Shop, District 23, Ace Bike Shop, Star Crest Cleaners, Hy-Vee, Monster Pawn, CT Adams Pest Control, New Age Tatoo, Frisina Family Chiropractic, Mellow Cream Donuts, Charlie Parker's Diner, Darcy's Pint, Gabatoni's, Ridings Plumbing, Washington Park (as a wedding venue) and Chef Michael Higgins.
  - Thanks to: Allied Design Consultants for allowing Bites to continue holding food truck events at the same location on the Boulevard; Delta Church for providing free water and children's play area; South Side Christian Church for the loan of tables and chairs; and this year, the MBA volunteers were joined by some Springfield Jaycees volunteers for set up and tear down.
  - Our neighborhood schools: Blessed Sacrament School, Franklin Middle School, Butler Elementary School and Blackhawk Elementary School raised funds to support their schools at Bites events.
  - Thanks to Blessed Sacrament School, Franklin Middle School and MBA volunteers for participating in two Clean-Up MacArthur days and Chris Hanken, owner of Pie's the Limit, for providing pizza to the volunteers.

Doug Dougherty, MBA Board member, emphasized that by keeping the Boulevard vibrant, more businesses will locate on the Boulevard, jobs will be created and a positive image of the Boulevard will be maintained.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loretta Durbin, Secretary