

President's Report



United Seniors of Maryland Annual Meeting
May 18, 2009

Membership

- Membership rose from 33 to 46
 - ▣ Goal is 60 members by the start of the 2010 General Assembly
 - ▣ Consumer groups should be part of additional members – names of prospects, please
- Members have played active rolls
 - ▣ Afraid to mention individuals for fear of leaving someone out

Governance

- Updated and revised bylaws
 - ▣ Restatement of mission
 - ▣ Re-alignment of officers
 - ▣ Allow for continuation in office more than two years (except president)
- Acceptance letter as 501 (c) 4
- Directors' and Officers' Insurance

Executive Committee

- Played a major roll
 - ▣ Helped formulate and clarify ideas
 - ▣ Did a great job for USM
 - Rally – Dave Roseman
 - Treasurer – Victor Van De Moortel
 - Secretary – Virginia Crespo
 - Legislation – Bruce Kirk
 - Grassroots – Beth Wiseman
 - Immediate Past President – Charlie Culbertson

Legislation

- Effective on budget
 - ▣ Starting on budget now
- Need to improve mechanism for monitoring and identifying legislation of interest to seniors
 - ▣ Polled members on 26 bills
 - ▣ Response poor - Need more members to participate and respond quickly
 - ▣ Need to clarify what constitutes a “working consensus”
- Reaffirm platform
- Would be nice if we could sponsor new legislation

Financial

- Will end year with nearly as much money in accounts as last year
- Would like to raise money
 - ▣ Cover more expenses
 - ▣ Be able to have paid staff
- Getting grant of \$1 000 from Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
 - ▣ There must be more money in “them thar hills”
 - ▣ Stimulus grants might be available
 - Anyone want to work on this?

Meetings

- Attendance up
- Good presenters
 - ▣ Additional ideas for presentations welcome

Rally

- Successful, but weather problems
 - ▣ Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker addressed rally
 - ▣ Other speakers contributed to success
- Caucuses could run better
- Ad Hoc Committee reviewing and planning for next year

Champion for Seniors Award

- First Annual Award recipient
 - Mike LaChance
- Need nominations for coming year

Miscellaneous

- Newsletter
 - ▣ Articles, please
- Revised Web page
 - ▣ Looks better, but needs help
- Blog page
 - ▣ Idea hasn't caught on

Outreach



- Presentations to members
- Presentations to outside groups
 - Legislative updates
 - Introduction to United Seniors of Maryland
 - Where else can presentations be made?

Going forward



Much has been accomplished
There's still much to be done
When others help do the work
It makes it lots of fun