

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2006  
MERTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MERTS BOARD MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Rosemary Baker-Monaghan called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: William Becker and Antonio Baptista (via conference call), Marilyn Lane, Rosemary Baker-Monaghan, Paul Gillum, Karen Mellin, Laura Harris, Frank Satterwhite. Board Members Absent: Doug Grant. Others Present: Sheila Ruhland, Alice Wood, Nadine Faith, Tom Gill, Joanie Weatherly, Kara Hansen, Pat Haggard, Richard Balkins, Jo Black, Roger Friesen, Bill Pierson, President/Executive Director Greg Hamann, Treasurer Lindi Overton, Secretary Kari Walsh.

**A. Adoption of Agenda**

Marilyn Lane **moved to adopt the agenda as presented.** Laura Harris seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Marilyn Lane **moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2005 Regular MERTS Board Meeting and the July 28, 2005 Annual MERTS Board meeting as presented.** Laura Harris seconded. The motion carried. Karen Mellin abstained as she was not present at the meetings.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Recommendation to Dissolve MERTS, Inc.**

It was noted in President Hamann's explanatory memo included in the Board packet that CCC is active in its pursuit of full educational partnerships with OUS schools, currently focusing efforts on dual-enrollment agreements with PSU and OSU. The College is also working with PSU and others to develop an Environmental Sciences program that would reflect the unique educational capacities of Clatsop (such as our Maritime Program and Living Machine facility) and take advantage of the "environmental laboratory" that is ours in the Lower Columbia region. These partnerships transcend the intent and capacity of the facilities-only agreement that is the basis for MERTS, Inc. Therefore, with a desire to retain and enhance the relationships originally founded with MERTS, Inc., a recommendation to dissolve MERTS Inc., and its associated Board of Directors was brought to the Board in favor of the educational partnerships that are now being formed.

Discussion took place regarding the historical function of the MERTS Board. The MERTS Board also discussed the fact that dissolution of the MERTS Board would

not prevent the College from receiving “pass through” money at the federal level, and that the MERTS Articles of Incorporation allowed for all assets to be distributed to the College on dissolution or final liquidation of MERTS, Inc. Karen Mellin inquired whether there was anyone on the MERTS Board who was not in favor of dissolving MERTS, Inc. No such comments came forth. PSU Representative Bill Becker and OHSU-OGI Representative Antonio Baptista expressed their full support to dissolve MERTS, Inc. in favor of pursuing programmatic relationships between the various entities in question.

Marilyn Lane **moved to dissolve MERTS, Inc., and to continue to pursue the educational and research partnerships that are under pursuit.** Frank Satterwhite seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rosemary raised the procedural issue of approving the minutes of the January 10, 2006 MERTS meeting now that the MERTS Board was dissolved. President Hamann said there was some necessary paperwork to file with the State that would take care of this matter.

#### IV) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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Greg Hamann  
President/Executive Director

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Rosemary Baker-Monaghan  
Chair

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Kari Walsh  
MERTS Secretary