MCCBOA Fall 2012 Workshop Minutes
Shoreline Inn & Conference Center and Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI
November 8 & 9, 2012

Thursday, November 8

MCCBOA President Rosemary Zink welcomed the group to the MCCBOA Fall 2012 Workshop and made announcements. As there were several new faces at the conference, everyone introduced themselves and stated where they were from.

Katie Thornton and Mike Krucker of Plante & Moran spoke to the association about healthcare reform reporting, MPSERS reforms, Public Act 152 which limits public employer's expenditures for employee medical benefit plans, Public Act 106 requiring bids for healthcare benefits, deferred compensation arrangements and upcoming GASB 68 concerning financial reporting for pensions.

Marcia Scollon of PNC Bank communicated payment industry trends, card program fundamentals, primary value proposition, payment optimization strategies, industry best practices highlights, and PNC card services overview.

Arthur Berry and Tami Cohorst from Abtek explained credit card transaction flow, who makes money when a transaction is run, pricing platforms, education pricing, Durbin Amendment, Visa and Master Card responses, pending legislation and IRS reporting.

Susan Anderson of Ellucian gave an interactive presentation with input from the audience utilizing clickers. She covered higher education's challenges as well as strategies for increasing revenue and decreasing expenses, including benchmarks and trends.

Friday, November 9

MCCBOA President Rosemary Zink introduced Dr. Dale Nesbary, President of Muskegon Community College. Dr. Nesbary shared his background and experience that led to his current position, especially the finance areas that were particularly helpful. He communicated what a typical day/week/month/year is like in a presidential position, in case any MCCBOA members aspire to be a president of a community college in the future. Dr. Nesbary debriefed the group on both the MCCA Presidents' meeting the prior day as well as the national, state and local elections earlier in the week. He expressed the importance of having several options or backup plans whenever planning or decisions are being made.

Angie Schrauben and Steve Crippen of the Michigan Office of Retirement Services (ORS) spoke to the group about the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System. They went over why Public Act 300 was needed, the reform overview, employer next steps, employer tools, employer contribution rates and funding, the funding studies, membership and the State of Michigan shared services.

Erin Schor of MCCA debriefed the election earlier in the week, on both a federal and state level. She conveyed lame duck session expectations including personal property tax reform and revenue replacement, Blue Cross reform, healthcare reform and tax changes on the federal level with the effective January 1, 2013 uncertainties.