



## ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

**September 25, 2008**  
**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM**  
**Urban Affairs Center**  
**The University of Toledo**

Neil Reid called the meeting to order at 8:10 am

Attendance – (12) Walt Krueger, Dick Bostdorff, Kirk Mizerek, Beth Fausey, Paula Ross, Bill Dearing, Theresa Hoen, Tony Keil, Neil Reid, Dean Krauskopf, Michael Carroll, & Serenity Carr

▪ **New Business**

○ Bylaws- Paula stated:

1. The purpose of this meeting is to develop a plan for the election of MVGA's first Board of Directors, a body which will govern the operations of MVGA in the coming year.

2. The election will be held on Thursday, October 9th in the Conference Center at the Toledo Botanical Garden.

3. A letter and ballot must be sent to all members eligible to serve. Ballots received by close of business on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> can be counted along with those cast at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. (Suggestion agreed to by committee)

4. In accordance with the MVGA bylaws, approved in March, the Board will consist of nine (9) grower members, one (1) member from academia, one (1) member representing The Ohio State University Extension Service, and two (2) at-large members. Normal terms for all Board members are three years, and expiration of terms will be staggered. In this first election, five (5) Board members will be elected to 3-year terms, four members will be elected to 2-year initial terms, and four (4) members will be elected for initial 1-year terms. Longer terms can be awarded to those candidates who receive the most votes in each category. After October 9<sup>th</sup>, the newly-elected Board will meet with the existing Advisory Board, and will choose officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer, and President-Elect). Officers and Board members will be installed in January, 2009.

5. We suggest that growers who are unable to attend the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting be allowed to mail or fax in ballots to (419) 530-3548. (Suggestion agreed to by committee)

- A motion was made by Walt Krueger and seconded by Bill Dearing to have the votes, from the election of MVGA's first Board of Directors, counted by Paula Ross and Serenity Carr at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Unanimous acceptance.

A letter will be composed, circulated for comment, and mailed on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes – Serenity Carr

Adjourn – 9:38 am

**ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8 AM AT THREAD. OUR NEXT MEETING IS October 2.**

