

Website summary:

The MWMA Board held its fall meeting Oct. 9, 2021.

The organization is in good financial standing following the 2021 virtual ale, and is ready to move forward on the 2022 ale.

The Maintaining a Respectful Environment committee is looking for two or three more members to help at virtual and in-person events. They are asking for people to commit to at least a one-year volunteer position.

Committee members are "on-call" for part of an Ale weekend (physical or virtual) where they respond to in person reports, phone calls to the MRE phone number, and other messages to take reports. During virtual ales and outside of Ale, MRE committee members review reports made and make decisions about actions needed, sometimes requiring collaboration with the executive board members. This job takes a willingness to handle tough topics (such as abuse, sexual harassment, and interpersonal conflict) with sensitivity and candor, as well as a willingness to participate in evaluative conversations about actions the Ale should take in reference to events at Ale. Committee members should value the confidentiality of reporters and report subjects. The MRE committee will follow specific policies and procedures when handling reports. We'll train you in the process! No specific experience or training is needed beforehand.

People who are interested in learning more should write [president@midwestmorrisale.org](mailto:president@midwestmorrisale.org).

The Virtual Events Committee is planning two more Diversity, Equity and Inclusion panel discussions: one on ageism to be held in the winter of 2021/2022, and one on racism, planned for the 2022 Ale. The committee also asked that future Ales consider a virtual component.

The 2022 Ale hosting teams, General Hardware and Oak Apple, have begun planning the event and wants to survey teams again about preferences and opinions on Covid protocols. A decision on whether it will be in-person is expected to be made in January.

Questions about the meeting should be directed to your team representatives.

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