

ORMA Board Meeting

At Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center.

August 27, 2025

9:00am

President Tony Martini called the Board of Directors meeting of the Ohio Receivables Management Association to order at 9:03 am on Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

Directors present were:

Brian Beirne	Brandon Blackburn	Mike Gardner	Lee Jacobs
Dennis Johnson	Bill Mann	Tony Martini	

Executive Director Lora Miller was also present.

An invocation was given by Tony Martini.

Mike Gardner moved approval of the minutes of the May 2, 2025 Board meeting, with Lee Jacobs providing the second. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Bill Mann presented a detailed Treasurer's report that was previously distributed to the Board via email. Lee Jacobs moved that scholarship funds always come out of the scholarship investment fund, with Bill Mann providing the second. Without objection, the motion was approved. Bill Mann questioned what to do with the payment for Board Secretary. Lee Jacobs moved to suspend the Secretary pay, with Mike Gardner providing the second. Without objection, the motion was approved. Bill Mann moved approval of the Treasurer's report, with Mike Gardner providing the second. Without objection, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Tony Martini said that Mike Gardner, Skip Harrison and he will attend the COD meeting at the ACA Annual Meeting. Mike Gardner deferred the COD report until the Unit Meeting.

Lora Miller gave an overview of the convention statistics. Lee Jacobs questioned whether to move to an every other year convention. Mike Gardner mentioned possibly increasing dues by \$100. Bill Mann cautioned that doing so could be a disincentive to being a member. Tony Martini commented that a few Ohio agencies went to the ACA convention that never attend Tri-State. Mike Gardner stated that he doesn't think there's anything the Board can do to get more people to attend and that the focus should be on the core group. Lee Jacobs questioned the possibility of a virtual meeting. Bill Mann said we need to figure out what to give attendees that they can't get anywhere else. Tony Martini stated that an annual meeting must be held and that he's not ready to go to an every other year meeting. Brandon Blackburn suggested Hueston Woods as a meeting location. Mike Gardner questioned what could be done to get agencies to send their employees. There was discussion about raising the convention registration fee to \$250. Lee Jacobs indicated we need to make sure to entertain people so they will want to return. He added that meetings held at the state parks were a great time. Tony Martini said he will talk to the Indiana Unit about them paying their fair share of convention expenses.

Lora Miller reported on the status of House Bill 257 and hopes that it will implode under its own weight. Tony Martini mentioned a Kentucky bill on medical debt interest rates that died when their 60-day session ended.

Brian Beirne reported that the Board terms of Lee Jacobs, Dennis Johnson and Tony Martini are expiring, and that all were willing to remain on the Board if no one else wants to serve. Tony Martini added that

the seat formerly held by Lee Snyder is vacant. Lee Jacobs questioned whether the number of Board members should be decreased.

Lee Jacobs reported an ORMA PAC balance of \$2,647.10, and that a \$1,000 contribution had been made to Speaker Huffman's campaign.

Lora Miller announced that the three scholarship winners were Rylee Jacobs, Nicole Presti and Avery Ragland. Bill Mann indicated that he thinks the scholarship process would be simpler if it was conducted by Lora and the Board. Lee Jacobs agreed that it would be more streamlined. He also said he thinks the scholarship should be broadened to include tech schools. Tony Martini shared that he is indifferent about releasing Leslie Engle from her role with the scholarships. Brandon stated that he is willing to take on the role but added that Leslie really loves doing it. Lee Jacobs moved to return the scholarship function to the Board, with Brian Beirne providing the second. Without objection, the motion was approved. Lee Jacobs suggested doing something nice for Leslie Engle for her service, but Tony Martini was opposed to doing so. Brandon Blackburn suggested honoring her at next year's convention. Tony Martini said it will be discussed offline.

Brandon Blackburn moved to adjourn, with Lee Jacobs providing the second. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.