

Attention! - Current MCRGO Members - Attention!!!

As fellow members, activists, former MCRGO Board members, and founders of MCRGO, we have noticed some disturbing trends over the past year and a half. We raise these issues as the “bullet” points below, but we encourage you to investigate these matters on your own. The website [HTTP://CARE4MI.TRIPOD.COM](http://CARE4MI.TRIPOD.COM) details these bullet points, often with outside, independent, news sources.

We simply ask that you investigate the website, read, sign, and return the petition on the reverse side, calling for a general membership meeting to remove the current Executive Director and those MCRGO Board members who have generously donated to anti-gun politicians through their connections as leaders of the Michigan Regional Carpenters and Millwrights Political Action Committee.

If possible, please attend the next MCRGO Quarterly Board of Directors meeting at 1:30pm, January 24th, 2004 at the Capitol Area Sportsmen’s League, 7534 Old River Trail, Lansing, MI 48917, (517) 627-6982

MCRGO – History of Recent Problems

- Membership loss over the past 12 months – approximately 3,000 individual members, the lifeblood and foundation of any grass roots organization.
- The last annual meeting showed a 75% drop in attendance from the previous year. (800 to less than 200).
- The Election Committee had an ineligible member appointed by the Board at Chuck Perricone’s suggestion. The member in question was a member only 24 hours prior to the first meeting of the Election Committee, which he failed to attend, on March 16th, 2003, while the deadline for application to serve on the committee was a full month earlier on February 15th, 2003.
- The last election had only a 10% return of the legitimate ballots provided to eligible members (lack of interest?).
- No member has been able to review the results of the last election, and the numbers determining the winners of the election have been refused to requesting members.
- April 2002 Financial Situation: Over \$100,000 bank balance. Current financial situation: MCRGO’s bank balance as of the October quarterly meeting was approximately \$15,000.
- The MRCC (Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights) has several leaders under investigation by the FBI for possible felony crimes. Is this the type of union MCRGO should be affiliated with?
- Central office maintained poorly and inaccessible to most members, including Directors, yet the increased cost of the larger office was justified by insisting it would be available to members and legislators.
- Banning members from MCRGO message boards for perceived criticism of leadership increasing, including a current Director.
- MCRGO website is inadequately maintained, rarely updated, and frequently unavailable to members and public.
- On Target costing far more per member to print and mail, yet contains less significant information. The ads appearing in the newsletter are not enough to cover the additional cost. Communication with the membership is poor to nonexistent. Many calls to main office go unanswered, messages are frequently not returned and the official representative (Executive Director) usually unavailable.
- The current Board of Directors has refused to address legitimate members’ concerns, and have appointed a replacement Board Member who has no demonstrable record of support for MCRGO’s mission statement, as well as having no history of activism within MCRGO. But, then how could he, when he joined MCRGO on March 25th, 2003?
- Officers of the organization are being denied access to records needed for them to properly perform their duties.
- No formal audit has ever been performed.

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Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners Members' Petition for Relief and Special Members' Meeting

MCRGO was founded on the principle of grass roots activism to support and defend the rights of gun owners in Michigan. We believe it is important that MCRGO pursue activity directly related to this issue, and do not believe that our Board should include individuals who represent organizations which have supported anti-gun activists as recently as the previous major election (proof attached), or who are currently under federal investigation for illegal activities. We believe this is a conflict of interest, is in direct conflict with MCRGO's mission statement, and must stop immediately. We, the members of MCRGO, demand that the Board of Directors immediately stop appointing Directors who have an affiliation with an anti-gun organization, or individuals who do not have a provable record of pro-gun activism as an MCRGO member. We also demand that any appointed Director whose membership in an organization presents a clear conflict of interest with MCRGO's Mission Statement and goals be removed immediately.

We believe that Charles Perricone has deceived the Board of Directors for the purpose of placing individuals on the Board who will not serve MCRGO's best interests. We believe he has betrayed MCRGO and that his continued employment as Executive Director is not in the best interests of MCRGO. We demand his immediate removal as Executive Director, and the immediate termination of his employment contract for cause, without further payments effective the date of termination. We require that there be no further contact with Mr. Perricone for any purpose.

Per the MCRGO bylaws and Michigan law on non-profit corporations, we call for a special members' meeting, to be scheduled and held in a location and on a date convenient to a majority of members and Directors, within 14 days from the date this petition is submitted to the Board of Directors. The purpose of the meeting is to require the Board take the actions required by the membership of MCRGO.

Please Make Copies of this Page and Help Collect the Signatures of Your MCRGO Friends

	Member Name and Number OR Address (printed)	Signature	Date
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Please Return This With Your Signatures to:

**MCRGO Members Petition
PO Box 614
Warren MI 48090
[HTTP://CARE4ML.TRIPOD.COM](http://care4ml.tripod.com)**