

**MLGMA Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
June 17, 2011
Lansing League Office**

Steve Brock, President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Roll Call

Directors present:

Steve Brock, President; City Manager, Farmington Hills (by phone)
Curtis Holt, President-Elect; City Manager, Wyoming
Al Vanderberg, Administrator, Ottawa County
Michael Cain, City Manager, Boyne City (by phone)
Ryan Cotton, Village Manager, Spring Lake (by phone)
Jon Lynch, City Manager, Midland (by phone)
Clay Pearson, City Manager, Novi
Frank Peterson, Village Manager, Springfield
Gerald Richards, Township Manager, Meridian Township
Jennifer Tubbs, Township Manager, Watertown Charter Township
Lauren Wood, Director, Public Works, Birmingham (by phone)

Also present: Colleen Layton, MML; Darnell Earley, City Administrator, Saginaw; John Clark, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C.; Roger Fraser, State Deputy Treasurer

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of minutes – April 17, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes:
Motion by: Richards
Seconded by: Tubbs; motion passed

B. Financial Report

Layton reported that there are no significant changes to the budget.

Motion to approve the budget:
Motion by: Richards
Seconded by: Pearson; motion passed

III. Action Items

A. Public Act 78 – Darnell Earley

Referred to the background paper; recommending that this be repealed in the context of what the Governor is trying to do; Senator Roger Kahn has agreed to take a look at it.

Pearson suggested looking at the number of communities this falls under and their bond ratings.

Holt suggested looking at representatives in the house for possible support as well John Clark recommends repealing the whole process.

Motion to authorize to move ahead, contact the governor, and solicit support through partners such as the MML:

Motion by: Vanderberg
Seconded by: Richards

- B. Range Rider Changes – Brock
Bob Kenning has vacated his position as Range Rider, although it is not official yet. Mark Wollenweber expressed interest in serving.

Motion to appoint Mark Wollenweber to serve as Range Rider:
Motion by: Cain
Seconded by: Holt; motion passed.

- C. Appointment of ICMA Phoenix Representative – Brock
Cotton will serve as state representative for ICMA planning.

Motion to appoint Ryan Cotton:
Motion by: Cain
Seconded by: Pearson; motion passed

Cotton reported that he would be glad to serve, pending council approval at Monday night's council meeting.

IV. Discussion Items

- A. Revisit MLGMA Logo – Brock
Postpone until next meeting.
- B. MLGMA Newsletter – Layton
If anyone has any ideas for the newsletter, Jen Eberbach plans to get the next issue out before the Summer Workshop.
Ideas: Brock will provide a “message from the president” and talk to Scott Huebler, chair of the SW. They will write a promo for the newsletter; will also include changes with city managers; info on the ICMA’s “Life, Well Run campaign”; list of new members
- C. Colloquium at MML’s Annual Convention – Brock
Layton suggested Paul Hillemonds as speaker for the Colloquium at MML’s Annual Convention. She also requested some sponsorship money for the event, since there will probably be no charge for Hillemonds. The Board generously offered a \$2,500 sponsorship.

Motion to provide a \$2,500 sponsorship for the Colloquium at the League’s Annual Convention:
Motion by: Holt
Seconded by: Richards

V. Updates

- A. The Future of the Fellowship Program
Peterson reported that they were not impressed with the Fellows that they interviewed.
- B. ICMA’s “Life, Well Run Campaign” - Pearson

The target is to raise \$41,000 vs the \$30,000, previously discussed; Confirmed that MLGMA would match up to ½ of the \$41,000.

Motion to move that MLGMA contribute up to \$20,500 for ICMA's "Life, Well Run" campaign:

Motion by: Pearson

Seconded by: Richards; motion passed

Layton will talk to the finance department about setting up a form and process to receive donations, preferably by credit card.

C. Survey – Brock

Adam Smith from Jonesville will be sending out a survey as part of his master's program and would appreciate it if everyone would fill it out.

- D. Roger Fraser, deputy state treasurer stopped by. He discussed the Emergency Management Act, saying that 3 communities currently have an Emergency Financial Manager – Ecorse, Benton Harbor and Pontiac. It is important to figure out how to avoid EFM. Perhaps it is necessary to send in a swat team to help them strategize. Managers should be a part of this. Perhaps a brainstorming discussion at the Summer Workshop. Layton will check with Jane Bruck to see if there is a room available.

Fraser also said that in his new position, he needs to redefine the role of staff in the Local Government unit – auditing, assessing. Perhaps in the fall, he can have a column in the newsletter on news from the Treasury Office.

E. Summer Workshop & Winter Institute - Brock

We are in good shape for the SW and the governor has confirmed that he will be speaking on Thursday morning.

The Winter Institute committee has begun planning for the conference. Michael Young is the chair.

VI. Board Member Roundtable

- A. Vanderberg –Tim Klunder said that there is going to be professional development money left over, so they would like to offer scholarship money for first timers to the ICMA conference.

Motion to approve professional development money for up to \$600 for first timers to attend the ICMA Conference.

Motion by: Vanderberg

Seconded by: Holt

Pearson amended the motion to suggest that \$500 will be paid towards first timers' registration fee:

Seconded by: Holt

Abstained: Tubbs; motion passed

VII. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on July 26th at the Summer Workshop in St. Joseph.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Motion by: Cain
Seconded by: Wood; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Layton
Secretary/Treasurer