

**MLGMA Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
October 1, 2010  
League Lansing Office**

**Al Vanderberg, President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

**I. Roll Call**

Directors present:

Al Vanderberg, President, MLGMA; County Administrator, Ottawa County  
Ted Staton, Immediate Past President, MLGMA; City Manager, East Lansing  
Steve Brock, President Elect, MLGMA; City Manager, Farmington Hills (by phone)  
Christine Burns, City Manager, Cedar Springs  
Michael Cain, City Manager, Boyne City (by phone)  
Ryan Cotton, Village Manager, Spring Lake  
Ken Hibl, City Manager, Clare  
Curtis Holt, Vice-President, MLGMA; City Manager, Wyoming  
Phillip Moore, City Manager, Alma  
Clay Pearson, City Manager, Novi  
Gerald Richards, Township Manager, Meridian Township  
Frank Walsh, City Manager, St. Joseph (by phone)

Also present: Colleen Layton, MML; Arnold Weinfeld, MML

**II. Consent Agenda**

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Motion to approve the consent agenda

Layton reported that the Summer Workshop earned almost \$3800 more than expected. She also handed out a one page detailed account of revenue for the workshop.

Motion by: Hibl

Seconded by: Moore; motion passed

Arnold Weinfeld spoke briefly about the series of seminars by Ernesto Sirolli, that the League is promoting on entrepreneurship. These will take place at several locations at the end of October. This is a direct result of meeting Ernesto Sirolli at the Winter Institute. Weinfeld encouraged the board to attend and to spread the word.

**III. Action Items**

A. Approve MLGMA Legacy Leadership Program - Vanderberg  
This program will begin in January, 2011.

Motion to approve the Legacy Leadership Program

Motion by: Cotton

Seconded by: Staton; motion passed

B. Review Board Schedule for the rest of the year, make necessary changes

The board meetings for the remainder of the year will take place at the League's Lansing office on October 29<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

- C. President's Reception at ICMA Annual Conference – Vanderberg  
Vanderberg referred to letter in the packet by ICMA President Darnell Earley, requesting \$3,000 in sponsorship for the ICMA President's reception in San Jose.

Motion to approve \$3,000 to help sponsor the ICMA President's reception in San Jose

Motion by: Walsh

Seconded by: Brock; motion passed

#### **IV. Discussion Items**

- A. MLGMA – MML Memorandum of Understanding - Pearson.  
Pearson reported that he received input from the committee members and looked at other examples of agreements. The consensus is that there should be more proactive communications through the web, newsletter, etc.; suggested that perhaps communications committee be created. The committee will meet before the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and report back.
- B. ICMA Proposal to add 3<sup>rd</sup> International VP to Executive Board – Pearson  
Discussed the pros and potential for growth that could take place as a result of the addition. Will vote at the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- C. MLGMA Strategic Plan Update – Staton  
Needs to be a living, breathing document and the president should be the custodian of the document. Staton reported that the Dimension committees were a good idea, but they haven't worked out as intended. Committee activity has varied. Need a process with the board at the beginning of the president's term. Richards stated that a lot of managers don't have staff support to help with committees, etc. If you are the president, you need staff to help out.

- D. Con-Con – Brock

Important to send a message that we need change.

Motion to support a Constitutional Convention.

Motion by: Brock

Seconded by: Pearson; motion passed

Important to get a strategy together to support the Con-Con. Brock will take the lead in developing this plan.

- E. Bell, California - Duso  
Referred to Duso's letter in the board packet. In light of the publicity, there is concern that the message of the newly created video could be weakened. Also think that ICMA's response to the story has been weak. There could be other stories in California that will come out as well. Vanderberg will write a letter to the ICMA board expressing concern over protecting the profession.

## **V. Information**

- A. ICMA Affiliation Agreement Advocacy  
Vanderberg reported that it has been signed and completed.
- B. Advocacy Video Unveiling  
The Advocacy Committee is in the process of putting together a strategy and plans to unveil it at the Winter Institute.
- C. Newsletter - Holt  
Need more articles; can include information on the Winter Institute and a board update, as well as the board's position on the Con-Con. Staton will also put an article together of Darnell Earley's year as ICMA president.
- D. Ad-Hoc Policy Update – Fraser  
This report on hold until the next meeting.
- E. Special Membership Packets – Frank Peterson  
Referred to letter in board packet.
- F. MLGMA colloquium and John Patriarche Distinguished Service Award  
Rick Cole, city manager of Ventura, CA was a great speaker at the League's convention and congratulations to Staton on receiving the Patriarche Award.

## **VI. Board Member Roundtable**

Burns – Starting to recruit students to attend the Winter Institute; Red Flannel festival is going on in Cedar Springs this weekend  
Cotton – Surprised to have his Education report listed by ICMA.  
Staton – the Nomination Committee had their first meeting and they will have another in November. There are 3 openings and they have some prospective candidates. The slate will be ready in December.  
Pearson - Victor Cardenas will be the next assistant manager in Novi; Now have SUV vehicles as first response vehicles  
Walsh – Whirlpool is building a new 90 million dollar corporation headquarters.  
Caine – Boyne City won the Michigan Mainstreet Program of the Year award.

## **VII. Closing Comments from the President**

Vanderberg - They will save 4.3 million dollars on their health insurance program this year. He met with Mitch Bean and he is predicting a 1.6 billion deficit in 2012. The 2011 budget is balanced.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by: Richards

Seconded by: Vanderberg; motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Layton  
Secretary/Treasurer