

**MLGMA Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
May 21, 2010
League Capital Office, Lansing**

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
Curtis Holt, Vice-President, MLGMA; City Manager, Wyoming
Christine Burns, City Manager, Cedar Springs
Michael Cain, City Manager, Boyne City (by phone)
Ryan Cotton, Village Manager, Spring Lake
Mitch Deisch, City Manager, Manistee (by phone)
Roger Fraser, City Administrator, Ann Arbor
Ken Hibl, City Manager, Clare
Phillip Moore, City Manager, Alma
Gerald Richards, Township Manager, Meridian Township

Also present: Colleen Layton, MML

II. Consent Agenda

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Motion to approve the consent agenda

Discussion – Layton reported that revenues are down due to a decrease of members from last year. She will put together a list of those who have not renewed their membership from last year. She also will cross reference ICMA and MLGMA members.

Motion by: Hibl

Seconded by: Burns; motion passed

III. Action Items

A. Adoption of ICMA Affiliation Agreement

Motion to adopt the ICMA Affiliation Agreement

Motion by: Richards

Seconded by: Staton; motion passed

Discussion Items

A. Managers in Transition

Currently, Darwin McClary is in transition. Discussed the need to become more diagnostic, not reactive. Need to consider how the board, Managers in Transition committee and the Range Riders can work together. Vanderberg will prepare a proposal.

B. Ethics Update - Richards

Richards referred to point #4 in the handout. ICMA said that there has never been an exception. However, the consensus of the board is that if someone resigned from both ICMA and MLGMA, they could serve on the ConCon committee.

Motion to accept ICMA's recommendation.

Motion by; Richards

Seconded by: Moore; motion passed

C. Constitutional Convention Recommendation - Brock

This report is an outgrowth of the Ad Hoc Public Policy Committee

Discussion on whether to support a ConCon or not. If there is going to be a Con Con, then the specifics need to be figured out.

Motion to develop a Resolution of Intent and present it to the membership through the newsletter and website, followed by a presentation and vote of action at the Summer Workshop

Motion by: Brock

Seconded by: Staton; motion passed

D. Colloquium Speaker at MML Convention

Bob O'Neill was suggested as a Colloquium speaker. He could speak about resilient organizations and how you make change. Layton will find out the specific times available for him to speak.

E. Final Con-Con Draft Paper – Fraser, Brock

Referred to the attached document for the final draft. The question is whether to make a recommendation. If there is going to be a ConCon, then need to identify the specific reforms for which to advocate.

F. Interim Manager List

Extensive discussion on the pros and cons of providing an interim list. It is currently on the League's website, and despite a disclaimer, a concern is that it looks like the list is endorsed by the League and MLGMA. Suggestions included eliminating the list and referring the request to a board member or an Executive Search consultant. Argument made for retaining the list so that you don't end up with the same group of people. Cotton offered to take the calls of anyone wanting to appeal a decision to keep their name off of the list. For now, the current policy will be kept in place until further discussions can take place at the next meeting. Any new requests to be on the list will continue to be forwarded to the board.

IV. Information

A. Reports from Committee Liaisons

1. Advocacy – Video work needs to be completed.
2. Experience – No report
3. Education – The liaison to the board will be Christine Burns. (Cotton needs to be added to the list.)

B. 2010 summer Workshop Committee Update - Deisch

The committee is still looking for an economic forecaster speaker. Suggestions included George Erickcek, with the Upjohn Institute, or Eric Scorsone who is now with the Senate Fiscal Agency.

Information about the SW will go out probably next week. A request to try and fit in sessions on the ConCon and millage elections. Deisch will see what he can do. He will also put information on the workshop in the newsletter.

C. Newsletter Update - Holt

Continue to send Holt articles/information for the newsletter.

D. MLGMA Fellowship - Burns

If anyone needs assistance in their communities, they interviewed many good candidates. The candidates will be coming from Grand Valley State University and Oakland University.

E. 2010 Professional Development Scholarship Program – Tim Klunder

Klunder unavailable to present a report.

F. Ad-Hoc Policy Committee Update – Fraser

On June 18th, the committee will be meeting with Phil Powers and John Bebow from the Center for Michigan.

G. Teaching PA Conference - Vanderberg

Vanderberg, Barb VanDuren, and Daryl Delabbio presented at this Public Administration conference.

V. Roundtable

Fraser – Council adopted a budget; council factored in more revenue sharing than he thought they would receive.

Staton – Adopted budget with lay-offs and higher taxes

Moore – No lay offs and will adopt budget next week.

Hibl – No lay offs

Holt – They are 25% down in their work force; current budget has no statutory revenue sharing; will use millage

Brock – No report

Richards – Over the next 4 years, will be down 2 million

Burns – Adopted budget; renewed her contract for 4 years

Deisch – Eliminated 4 positions; trying to move to a public safety dept.

Cain – They were able to reduce their millage by ¼ mills and are undertaking major road improvement projects. They have just opened the 1st phase of a \$12 million private development which expands their downtown and is providing about 100 jobs.

VI. Closing Comments from the President

Vanderberg – 8.2 million down this year; have a new county house building

Vanderberg shared the form letter he received from Mike Bishop, regarding the mandates resolution.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting
Motion by: Staton
Seconded by: Richards; motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Layton
Secretary/Treasurer