

**MLGMA Education Dimension Committee
MEETING MINUTES**

July 30, 2009

Ojibway Ramada Hotel – Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

1. Call to Order: Chairman Jason Eppler called the meeting of the MLGMA Education Dimension Committee to order at 7:30 AM. Those present included Ben Bifoss, Mike Cain, Mitch Deisch, Jason Eppler and Christine Andrysiak.
2. Purpose of Committee: Jason Eppler reviewed with those present the purpose of the Committee. He discussed its role in overseeing the efforts of the Summer and Winter Conference Committees and the Professional Development Committee.
3. Report of Committees:
 - *2009 Summer Conference Committee (Nebel, Chair)*: A brief discussion was held regarding the Summer Conference. Comments were very positive and there seems to be good overlap in terms of planning between the Summer Committee and the upcoming Winter Institute Committee.
 - *2010 Winter Institute Committee (Pearson, Chair)*: The Winter Institute will be held at the Amway, Grand Rapids. The registration fee will be increased from \$195 to \$225 (or so) to offset the cost of the event. One day of the institute will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association with a few joint speakers/sessions. Many sessions will focus on the nuts and bolts of municipal management.
 - *2010 Summer Conference Committee (Bifoss/Deisch, Co-Chairs)*: A meeting of the Summer Planning Committee (2010) was held the day before. The Conference will be held at Crystal Mountain. Possible session topics included the State budget crisis, operational service assessments and ethics. The Committee desires to continue discussion/education on some of the topics that will be covered at the Winter Institute.
 - *Professional Development Committee (Klunder, Chair)*: It was reported that there were more requests for scholarship funds than funds available. A suggestion was made that in awarding a scholarship that an applicant's years of service to the profession needs to be taken into consideration. The Committee has also been discussing was to attract young individuals to the profession and how to promote the ICMA credentialing program.
4. Review of MLGMA Strategic Plan – Role/Goals of Education Dimension Committee: The Committee reviewed the role/goals for the Committee as contained in the MLGMA Strategic Plan. The Committee assessed its progress in addressing/achieving the goals as

well as the current applicability of the goals. It was the consensus of the Committee that the goals contained in the Strategic Plan are all current, worthwhile items to pursue.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

Prepared By: Jason Eppler