

**MLGMA Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
October 29, 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  
Curtis Holt, Vice-President, MLGMA; City Manager, Wyoming  
Christine Burns, City Manager, Cedar Springs  
Michael Cain, City Manager, Boyne City (by phone)  
Mitch Deisch, City Manager, Manistee (by phone)  
Perry Franzoi, Township Superintendent, Breitung Township (by phone)  
Roger Fraser, City Administrator, Ann Arbor  
Phillip Moore, City Manager, Alma  
Clay Pearson, City Manager, Novi  
Gerald Richards, Township Manager, Meridian Township  
Lauren Wood, Director, Public Works, Birmingham

Also present: Colleen Layton, MML; Jane Bruck, MML

**II. Consent Agenda**

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Motion to approve the consent agenda

Layton reported that there isn't much change from the last meeting. At the December meeting, she will provide a detailed narrative of the budget.

Motion by: Burns

Seconded by: Holt; motion passed

**III. Action Items**

A. ICMA proposal to add 3<sup>rd</sup> International VP to Executive Board - Pearson

Motion that the board has reviewed the document, and based on the ICMA Executive Board recommendation, the board supports the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President

Motion by: Pearson

Seconded by: Moore; motion passed

B. 2012 Winter Institute – Bruck

Based on several RFPs, Bruck presented a spreadsheet of several options for the 2012 WI.

Motion to hold the 2012 Winter Institute in East Lansing

Motion by: Fraser

Seconded by: Richards; motion passed

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

##### **A. Potential recognition of Robert Bobb**

Richards discussed the possibility of recognizing Robert Bobb when we are in Detroit for the Winter Institute conference. Mr. Bobb will be a speaker at the event, and retiring shortly thereafter. He is a former city manager in Kalamazoo. One suggestion is to donate to the ICMA fund in his name. This will be referred to the Awards Committee for suggestions.

#### **V. Information**

##### **A. Con-Con White Letter - Brock**

Brock's letter was published in the MLGMA newsletter and letters of opinion were sent to Detroit newspapers. He also reported that Farmington Hills passed a resolution to support a Con-Con.

##### **B. Newsletter - Holt**

Holt is collecting articles. Pete Auger will write on his international trips.

##### **C. Ad-Hoc Policy update - Fraser**

Fraser reported that there is a lot of discussion about civic engagement and the rethinking of the city manager role and citizen engagement. A model to look at is the Center for Michigan.

#### **VI. Board Member Roundtable**

Richards – They use citizen work groups to help on different topics; they have a Headlee Override on the ballot with no organized opposition.

Staton – Requested that there be money in the budget next year for the pioneer video; interviewed for the ICMA board and did not receive an invitation. (The board thanked Ted for representing the Association well.)

Brock – The ICMA Planning Committee already met in San Jose. Victor Cardenas will be serving as representative. Brock requested and was granted the ability to split the \$700 with Cardenas.

Pearson – MGLMA should get more involved and have more impact on the League's legislative agenda. MML committees too big; city managers need to be bringing issues to the committees.

Burns – She really enjoyed San Jose; suggested that we charter a bus or plane from Lansing for the ICMA Conference in Milwaukee next year.

Cotton – He has not sent out the credentialing information yet.

Franzoi – It's not snowing yet.

Deisch – He enjoyed the article written by Clay Pearson that appeared in Public Management.

Wood – No report

Cain – Good discussions

Suggestion that perhaps bios of members be put up on the website. Certain criteria would have to be laid out.

There is a real opportunity with ICMA in Milwaukee next year. Might want to direct money from Professional Development to help with costs to send assistant managers, for instance.

**VII. Closing Comments from the President - Vanderberg**

A charter commission in Ferndale is meeting and he provided a statement on the city manager form of government and the importance of department heads reporting to the city manager; pleased to represent the association at the state officers meeting at the ICMA conference; also attended the Midwest Regional meeting; he received great feedback on the Legacy program

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by: Richards

Seconded by: Burns; motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Layton  
Secretary/Treasurer