

**MLGMA Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
July 26th, 2011
The Boulevard Hotel, St. Joseph, MI**

Steve Brock, President, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Directors present:

Steve Brock, President; City Manager, Farmington Hills
Al Vanderberg, Immediate Past President; Administrator, Ottawa County
Michael Cain, City Manager, Boyne City (by phone)
Christing Burns, City Manager, Cedar Springs
Mitch Deisch, City Manager, Manistee
Penny Hill, Vice-President-Elect; Village Manager, Kalkaska
Jon Lynch, City Manager, Midland
Clay Pearson, City Manager, Novi (by phone)
Frank Peterson, Village Manager, Springfield
Lauren Wood, Director, Public Works, Birmingham

Also present: Colleen Layton, MML

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of minutes – June 17, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes:

Motion by: Peterson

Seconded by: Hill; motion passed

B. Financial Report

Layton referred to the financial narrative and pointed out that we have almost reached our projected administration revenues with membership over projected revenues.

Motion to approve the budget:

Motion by: Burns

Seconded by: Deisch; motion passed

III. Update Items

A. MML Retreat – Brock & Layton

Brock presented an overview of some of the legislative topics that were discussed at the League's board retreat in early July; he pointed out that there is no one policing the dashboard and that the Governor understands that we are not comparing apples to apples; a warning that some vendors want to make money off of the dashboard; not necessary to pay for it. B S &A is working on a module for no cost.

Personal Property tax will be an issue and the League is preparing for more in-depth discussions in the fall.

- B. Newsletter – Brock
Lots of positive feedback; ideas for articles are welcomed; Hill suggested that we include articles on the future of city management profession.
- C. ICMA Campaign – Pearson
Confirmed that the target is \$41,000 over the next 3 years; will match member contributions \$1 for \$1. Brock stated that it is very easy to donate on the ICMA site and encouraged the board to contribute. Brock spoke to the Midwest VP, Matt Fulton, and they will be doing the same in Minnesota.

Layton proposed that donations go through the ICMA site, since it is already set up, as opposed to going through the League's system, which would have less flexibility.

- D. ICMA Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI - Brock
Brock reminded everyone that the conference will take place September 18th – 21st; groups are setting up to car and ferry pool to Milwaukee; Ryan Cotton will represent MLGMA on the ICMA 2012 planning committee – first meeting will be held in Milwaukee.

Peterson reported that he received several first timer requests for half off of ICMA registration cost ; Layton reported that those requests have added up to \$2900 and have been submitted.

IV. Action Items

- A. Survey - Peterson
Referred to survey that the Recruitment Committee had previously put together. Is there still interest to collect data that includes among other things, what motivates people to move from one job to another. Peterson will email the survey and include it on the agenda for the next meeting.
- B. Appointment Process to fill vacancy on Board (Fraser seat)
Vanderberg will be chairing the Nominating Committee to present candidates. Jeff Lawson will be leaving Mackinaw City (to go to County government), so there will be a vacancy in Mackinaw City, as well as on the League board, where he served.

V. Ethics Items – No report

VI. Board Member Roundtable

- A. Deisch – In mediation over health care.
- B. Hill – The MERS board at it's June 2011 board meeting voted to adopt a new policy that will require a division and its municipality to be at least 100% actuarially funded (previously the requirement was 80%) in order to increase benefits.
- C. Vanderberg – The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to fill board vacancies.
- D. Peterson- Working with the Next Gen on goals and objectives which he will bring to the next meeting for approval.
- E. Burns – Bad weather for Red Flannel!
- F. Lynch – Mentioned Midland's longest tax appeal process that was resolved in 2007-08 and now new tax appeal; concerned about the elimination of the Personal Property Tax and its impact on Midland.

- G. Wood – She has a great boss! (Bob Bruner)
- H. Pearson – We should take a look at the Commercial Rehabilitation legislation that would adopt a policy to freeze property taxes for 10 years.
- I. Brock – Highlighted the fact that their city hall, powered by solar energy will pay back in 3 or 4 years instead of 7 years, as they originally thought. Other comments: Snyder is not interested in looking at Proposal A. He'll be at the Summer Workshop on Thursday and talk about the issue previously brought up by Darnell Earley (PA 78); also need to update MLGMA website with committee reports and Next Gen Committee info.

VII. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on Friday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Farmington Hills City Hall. (Come early and get a tour!)

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Layton
Secretary/Treasurer