

Minutes of the Community Education Committee
Monday, August 29, 2011
1:00 P.M.
Conference Call/MML-Lansing

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Adam Smith at 1:02 p.m.

Those present: Christine Burns, Frank Peterson, Matt Baumgarten and Adam Smith
Also present Next Gen Executive Committee Members: Julius Suchy, Nathan Geinzer and Derrick Kozicki.

Discussion regarding an update of the committee listserv to ensure efficient and effective committee communication. Chairperson A. Smith to follow up with MML and ensure listserv is updated promptly.

Introduction of Next Gen Executive Committee Members and brief committee overview from their Chairperson Julius Suchy. Next Gen Committee goals and objectives include:

1. Assisting MLGMA in its overall goal of attracting students and professionals to local government management.
2. Provide networking and professional development opportunities for early to mid-career MLGMA members.
3. Help foster and maintain mentoring relationships between MLGMA Next Gen members and more experienced MLGMA members.

Discussion regarding Community Education Committee goals and objectives:

1. Continue to develop and promote the High School curriculum for local government.
2. Develop and fund a program for local government curriculum target at the middle school level of youth.

Chairperson A. Smith to follow up with Michael Young and Victor Cardenas regarding the history and status of these items as well as location/quantity of DVDs.

3. Work with communities and universities to establish and encourage internship programs, utilizing resources and promotional opportunities of the ICMA.
4. Work with local Michigan colleges on the Fellowship programs, attendance at the Winter Institute, as well as other options to promote the manager-council form of government and encourage students to review the profession as a positive opportunity.

Positive discussion regarding how the Community Education Committee can best work with the Next Gen Committee to better advance and expand these activities. Following discussion, Chairperson A. Smith asked the Next Gen Executive Committee to compose a written request identifying what activities they would like to actively participate in. All in favor.

Chairperson A. Smith to follow up with MML regarding the ongoing posting of local government internship opportunities. 2012 edition to be finalized December 2, 2011 by Chairperson A. Smith.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chairperson A. Smith

