

Michigan Municipal Executives  
Experience Committee  
February 1, 2017  
Meeting Notes

The initial meeting of the experience committee was held at the Kalamazoo Radisson on February 1, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

In attendance were: Curtis Holt, Al Vanderberg, Tom Youatt, Gordon Gallagher, Frank Walsh, Ben Swayze, Mark Wollenweber and Maurice Evans

Introductions of Committee Members occurred and the Committee Purpose was reviewed.

“Charged with ensuring that the experience of the membership is profiled, shared, and is recognized through nominations, awards, managers’ in transition and senior advisors.”

No questions were offered regarding the Committee Purpose.

The Chairperson proposed committee subcommittee and the reviewed the membership. All agreed this was a good direction. The committees are listed below:

- a. Nominating:
  - Curtis Holt
  - Al Vandenberg
  - Jeff Lawson
  - Tom Youatt
- b. Awards
  - Adam Umbrasass
  - Joe Bippus
  - Gordon Gallagher
  - Brad Kaye
  - Joe Valentine
- c. Managers’ in Transition
  - Frank Walsh
  - Mitch Deisch
  - Neil Rankin
  - Ben Swayze
- d. Senior Advisors
  - Mark Wollenweber
  - Maurice Evans

Two issues were discussed relative to the committees. First, the Chairperson discussed awards and specifically the Patriarche award. He indicated that the Committee had recommended a change in criteria last year and it was accepted by the full MME Board. That change to criteria included that a manager receiving this award can be an active manager or assistant, removing the five (5) year

requirement that they have left the profession. Also, the manager or assistant must have been employed in Michigan Local Government for a period of fifteen (15) years.

We also asked all committee members to be cognizant of the timing for the Patriarche award. If they have any suggestions for the award please contact Adam. We would like to confirm the nominee at our July meeting.

Regarding Senior Advisors we discussed the significance of those individuals working closely with the Manager's in Transition subcommittee to hopefully not let anyone get lost in the cracks. In addition, the Senior Advisors mentioned three categories of managers that they believe are most likely to need assistance.

- Manager's that have lost their job
- Manager's in trouble or new manager's
- And Manager's getting ready to retire

Finally, we discussed further meeting dates and established the following schedule that will mostly be a conference call.

- March 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
- May 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
- July 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
- September 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
- November 9, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.