MME Experience Committee Conference Call March 16, 2017 9:00 a.m. Meeting Notes

Present: Curtis Holt, Al Vanderberg, Jeff Lawson, Brad Kaye, Adam Umbrasas, Ben Swayze, Joe Valentine, Maurice Evans, Mark Wollenweber

Updates on Committees:

## Nominating -

Curtis reviewed that the nominating committee will be looking to get started on the process around May. Currently the regions that will be underrepresented in 2018 are Regions 5 (thumb), 2 (southwest), and 7 (U.P.). The committee requested a copy of the current MML Regions, which is attached to these notes.

## Awards -

Adam discussed the awards timetable. It was decided that he would send out a call for nominations now on for the Patriarche award. This award is given at the MML Annual Meeting. The Experience Committee will look to finalize that nomination during its conference call meeting on July 13, 2017.

Adam brought up the idea of restoring the "MME Tongue in Cheek" awards that were done several years ago. These are done in fun and the Committee emphasized that this remain the spirit by which they are awarded. The Committee felt they were a good idea and Adam indicated his committee would proceed with those awards for the summer conference.

## Managers in Transition -

Frank Walsh, committee chair could not attend therefore Ben Swayze stood in for him. He indicated that Frank had reached out to the Managers in Algonac, Bay City, Negaunee offering assistance from the MME. Mark indicated that he had also had conversation with the former manager of Ypsilanti and Mount Clemens offering assistance. In some cases they were able to make contact and in others they were unsuccessful. However, they continue to attempt contacts with transitioning City Managers when it is necessary.

Ben shared that the committee has split the State up into quadrants for each committee member to keep an eye out for potential Manager issues. They are working together to contact and track Manager issues.

## Senior Advisors -

The addition of three new Senior Advisors is still under review by the ICMA. We are waiting for clearance to add them to our group. ICMA did express concerns about two potential senior advisors who are now participating with manager search organizations.

Maurice indicated that he has reached out and offered assistance to the new Newberry City Manager and it appears that their issues may have turned more positive. He also intends to reach out the Gladwin City Manager to offer some assistance.

Maurice also participated in an ICMA conference call with Senior Advisors. He indicated that main theme was the discussion about the purpose of the Senior Advisors. Was there purpose to be involved with Managers in Transition or was it to assist Managers that are having trouble dealing with certain issues. He advised that we will be concentrating on assisting managers with issues they may be having.

With committee reports complete. Curtis asked each committee to send him a summary of their activities so he could assemble the information to update our website.

Meeting was concluded at 10:28 a.m.

Future Conference calls if needed:

- 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

