



MME Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
September 13, 2017
AlpenRose Restaurant, Holland, MI

Keith Van Beek, President, called the meeting to order at 12:30PM.

I. Roll Call

Directors present:

Keith Van Beek, President; Deputy County Manager, Ottawa County
Patrick Sullivan, President-Elect; City Manager, Northville
Dale Kerbyson, City Manager; Lapeer
Thad Beard, City Manager; Rockford
Shea Charles, City Manager; Howell
Martin Colburn, City Manager; Traverse City
Tim Klunder, City Manager; Zeeland
Robert Moffit, City Administrator; Gladwin
John Shay, City Manager; Ludington
Russell Taylor, Township Manager; Thomas Township

Also present:

Daryl Delabbio, Retired County Administrator; Kent County
Curtis Holt, City Manager; Wyoming
Summer Minnick, Michigan Municipal League
Emily Kieliszewski, Michigan Municipal League

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – July 25, 2017.

Motion to approve the July 25th minutes.

Motion by: Kerybson

Seconded by: Shay

No discussion.

Motion carries.

B. Approval of July Financial Statement

Motion to approve the July financial statement.

Motion by: Kerbyson

Seconded by: Shay

No discussion.

Motion carries.

III. Discussion Items

A. Amendment to MME Constitution – clarification and definition of Professional Membership
Many types of membership issues have come up based on the membership language in the constitution. It was discussed that retired managers that now work in the profession full/part time should be required to pay professional dues and retired managers should have access to the listserv.



MMSA (Bob Bruner) believes their organization would qualify under Professional Membership as a version of council of government/other governmental unit. Some board members disagreed, arguing that MMSA using the listserv is different than a manager using the listserv for peer resources and could be used for solicitation purposes.

It was pointed out that the Board has flexibility under Article II of the Constitution and under the membership eligibility clause interpretation language to make determinations regarding membership. Consensus: change language in the Constitution to explicitly allow retirees on listserv. The Board will ask Bill Matthewson, League General Counsel, to review current language in the Constitution to help determine if MMSA is a local government unit/council of government – this will help determine if they qualify as a professional member. The Board will also request he look at language on membership.

B. Long Term Budget Meeting

Van Beek reported that a long term budget meeting is planned: MME has incurred some deficit spending in the past few years, so meeting is set to ensure expenses don't continue to exceed revenue.

C. Ethics Discussion

.A discussion was held on an ethics matter. Due to the confidential nature of the topic, details are not being disclosed.

D. Managers in Transition Guide

This guide should be available within the next few weeks for Board review – will be sent out via email.

IV. Comments by the board:

Sullivan: No comment.

Charles: Congratulations to Summer Minnick, recently promoted to Deputy Executive Director at the League.

Shay: Are there term limits on committee chairs? Turner does an excellent job as Ethics Committee Chair. Van Beek: Yes. Two years. Currently reviewing options to have Turner continue as chair if he agrees.

Klunder: No comment.

Taylor: No comment.

Beard: Thanks to MML's Executive Search Process – it was beneficial.

Moffit: No comment.

Colburn: Curious about Flint situation. We should stay informed on this issue as it relates to our profession.

Kerbyson: No comment.

Delabbio: ICMA conference is in San Antonio this October. Dave Limardi is retiring from his position at ICMA.

V. Closing Comments from the President



- a. Recently found policy stating city managers are not eligible for unemployment insurance – will send out the policy to the Board for reference.
- b. ICMA Reception: information forthcoming. Sponsor ideas welcome.
- c. Curtis handing off position as Experience Committee Chair to Al Vanderberg.
- d. Working on putting together requirements for members to reference regarding ICMA/serving on MME Board to be sent out to membership via a newsletter article.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Experience/Nominating Committee
Holt shared transition guide update and the nominations process. Larry Nielsen has been approved by ICMA as a Senior Advisor.
- b. NextGen Committee
Brief report reviewed.
- c. Professional Development Committee
Currently working on RFPs for conference locations.
- d. Advocacy Committee
Great session with Daryl Delabbio and Adam Smith on Council-Manager Relations today.
- e. Ethics Committee
Ethics sessions at every conference is great. Membership application reviews are working well.

VII. Adjournment at 1:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Kieliszewski