



MME Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
April 12, 2019
League Lansing Office

Lynn Markland, President, called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m.

I. Roll Call

Directors present:

Lynn Markland, President; City Manager; Fenton
John Shay, President-Elect; City Manager; Ludington
Rebecca Fleury, Vice President; City Manager; Battle Creek
Patrick Sullivan, Immediate Past President; City Manager, Northville
Thad Beard, City Manager; Rockford
Shea Charles, City Manager; Howell
Scott Erbisch, Administrator; Marquette County
Juan Ganum, City Manager; Bridgman
Bridgette Gransden, Administrator/Controller; Midland County
Mike Hughes, City Manager; Sturgis
Elaine Leven, City Manager; Marine City
Dana Muscott, City Manager; Bay City
Cameron Van Wyngarden; Township Manager, Plainfield Charter Township
Christian Wuerth, Village Manager; Milford

Also present:

Summer Minnick, Michigan Municipal League
Emily Kieliszewski, Michigan Municipal League
Chris Hackbarth, Michigan Municipal League

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – February 8th, 2019.

Motion to approve the February 8, 2019 minutes.

Motion by: Charles

Seconded by: Shay

No discussion.

Motion carries.

B. Approval of January and February 2019 Financial Statements

Motion to approve the January and February 2019 financial statements.

Motion by: Charles

Seconded by: Shay

No discussion.

Motion carries.

III. Discussion Items

A. Ethics Committee Project Report

The ethics committee submitted a detailed report to the board for review. Leven reported as the committee's board liaison that the report was a draft outline and more information should be forthcoming. Of note is that the committee is considering whether MME would have different standards than ICMA regarding voting status of retired members.

B. Professional Development Committee request – Grand Rapids 2021 Winter Institute

The professional development committee submitted a report and request for the board to approve Grand Rapids as the Winter Institute 2021 location. Wuerth explained the regional rotation for event location and that the committee has increasingly found that venues are now booked 2-3 years in advance.

Motion to approve the professional development committee's recommendation of Grand Rapids for the 2020 Winter Institute.

Motion by: Wuerth
Seconded by: Beard
Motion carries.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Listserv Policy Update

The first draft of the listserv policy attempts to provide purpose, basic rules, and best practices while also spelling out a potential penalty/du process for abuse or misuse. Shay reported that some members operate under the assumption that the listserv is confidential – MME may want to consider addressing that issue. Minnick reported on League staff that have access to the listserv for record keeping, inquiry, advocacy, and educational purposes. Some MME members may not understand the relationship between MME and MML and the staffing and support MML provides this organization. Sullivan in support of having a policy, particularly after issues coming up frequently in the past with no guidelines to refer to. Issues with having a policy include thoughtfully considering who determines if a violation has occurred, what the repercussions of a violation are, whether an appeal process is in place, and ensuring consideration for differences of opinion. Discussion then centered on the engagement of membership as a whole – this may be a good time to survey the members regarding listserv usage and use this information to update MME's strategic plan. General agreement that this may be an opportunity to gauge the membership about meeting the needs of members overall considering our strategic plan is quite old. Markland will have article in the next newsletter explaining/outlining the relationship between MML and MME. Consensus around using an outside facilitator for strategic running process.

Motion for the board to proceed with reviewing and updating the strategic plan with the intention of utilizing an outside facilitator.

Motion by: Wuerth
Seconded by: Beard.
Motion carries.

B. 16/50 Project Update

ICMA webinar
WMLP Updates

Summer Minnick provided update about recent ICMA webinar that included MML presenting on the 16/50 Project along with a Women's Municipal Leadership Program participant and recently appointed Ypsilanti City Manager, Frances McMullan. Kieliszewski reported on the development of the second round of the Women's Municipal Leadership program, which will include opportunities for participants to learn more about MME.

Motion to allow WMLP participants who are not current MME members to apply for MME membership during the program year under the Emerging Leader membership category.

Motion by: Wuerth

Seconded by: Fleury

Motion carries.

C. Governor's Gas Tax Proposal Update

Chris Hackbarth provided brief gas tax proposal update: the League's position is that the funding is good, but distribution needs to be changed. Other legislative bills also discussed, including recent sanctuary city legislation.

V. Comments by the Board

Shay: None.

Fleury: None.

Sullivan: None.

Beard: None.

Charles: None.

Erbisch: None.

Ganum: None.

Gransden: None.

Hughes: None.

Leven: None.

Muscott: None.

Van Wyngarden: None.

Wuerth: None.

VI. Closing Comments from the President

Great discussion, thank you.

VII. Adjournment

Adjourn at 11:38a.m.