



MME Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
Friday, September 14, 2018  
Conference Call

Patrick Sullivan, President, called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

I. Roll Call

Directors present:

Patrick Sullivan, President; City Manager, Northville  
Lynn Markland, President-Elect; City Manager; Fenton  
John Shay, Vice President; Deputy County Administrator; Ottawa County  
Keith Van Beek, City Manager; City of Holland  
Thad Beard, City Manager; Rockford  
Shea Charles, City Manager; Howell  
Martin Colburn, City Manager; Traverse City  
Scott Erbis, Administrator; Marquette County  
Bridgette Gransden, Administrator/Controller; Midland County  
Mike Hughes, City Manager; Sturgis  
Tim Klunder, City Manager; Zeeland  
Elaine Leven, City Manager; Marine City  
Dana Muscott, City Manager; Bay City  
Robert Straebel, City Manager; Petoskey

Also present:

Summer Minnick, Michigan Municipal League  
Emily Kieliszewski, Michigan Municipal League  
Elizabeth Vogel, Deputy Supervisor of Clinton Township

**Financial Staff Update:**

At 98.7 % of their revenue budget, the membership revenue is 112% of budget (up 34% from last year). Up 7 professional members, up 9 first timers, up 13 consultants. At 63% of the budget for expenses. Projected to come in under budget: expenses for WI and SW came in under expected, saving some money there. MME also not expected to spend as much for Senior Advisers and scholarships. Revenue will come in almost \$30,000 over expenses (although these numbers are very preliminary).

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2018

Motion to approve the July 18, 2018 minutes.

Motion by: Gransden

Seconded by: Taylor

No discussion.

Motion carries.

B. Approval of May, June, and July Financial Statements

Motion to approve the May, June, July financial statements.

Motion by: Gransden

Seconded by: Taylor

No discussion.

Motion carries.

### III. Discussion Items

#### A. Fix the Damn Roads Update

Elizabeth Vogel, Deputy Supervisor of Clinton Township reported that this effort started with a group of managers in Macomb County and a session committed to roads and funding followed at Summer Workshop with the hopes of using this as a springboard for a larger effort. Following the session, the group spent time doing fact finding and reaching out to leadership at SEMCOG, MAC, MTA, MML, and others. They'll be convening a group of key stakeholders in Cadillac on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm solely focused on roads. The group is in the process of putting together the agenda for this event along with a plan for a grassroots solution and an informational piece describing what this group is.

#### B. ICMA Update

There's been no Midwest conference call since our last board meeting. The 2019 Midwest Regional Conference will be in Evanston, IL from May 7-10, with innovation as the theme. ICMA is putting greater emphasis on this regional conference, with sessions targeted to topics that apply to managers in the whole region.

ICMA Conference with Midwest Regional Meeting coming up on Sunday, September 23. ICMA is expected to rollout a proposal that would expand membership – voting members would now include department heads and other groups previously considered associate or affiliate members. This means these groups would have the ability to serve on the board. ICMA has considered this option to ensure a more diverse pool of members that would be eligible for Vice Presidency. More information should be available in Baltimore. It was clarified that the option of changing the rotational groupings (smaller states and larger states) as a solution was dropped on the last call. Shay, Taylor, Leonard, and Charles voiced agreement that department heads have their own professional organizations that fill their needs.

#### C. Summer Workshop 2019 in Alpena Update

League staff completed a site visit to Alpena in August to review some concerns with the initial plan for Summer Workshop and determined it could be a successful site. Staff presented their report to the Professional Development Committee and shared that the Alpena City Manager and CVB very excited to host. Strategies were discussed to alert members that they'll want to register early to ensure they secure a hotel room.

#### D. Nomination Process Changes

Van Beek reported that discussion centers around ensuring the board is reflective of the diverse membership. The committee is developing a slate of candidates but also reviewing the protocol used to select candidates. The committee met at Summer Workshop and didn't feel any constitutional changes would be required, however they are developing language for future nominating committees to follow. The committee recommends the practice that members only serve one term on the board and that members serve a term on the board before becoming Vice President and then President be continued. The committee also

recognized that keeping a regional model is quite difficult in the process, as it limits the diversity of representation on the board.

E. 16/50 Project Update

Kieliszewski provided update on 16/50 Project including the Women's Municipal Leadership Program, Ambassador Program, and upcoming panels at the University of Michigan and Grand Valley State University. Discussion that MME would like to sponsor the project: proposed \$2500 sponsorship, with possible additional sponsorship in the future. Board requested a proposal and breakdown of costs for 16/50 Project.

Motion to sponsor the 16/50 Project in the amount of \$2500, with possible additional sponsorship in the future.

Motion by: Charles

Supported by: Shay

Motion carries.

IV. Comments by the Board

Markland: None.

Shay: None.

Van Beek: None.

Beard: None.

Charles: None.

Colburn: Heard Justice Bernstein give a talk about accessibility: would make a great keynote speaker in the future.

Erbisch: None.

Gransden: None.

Hughes: None.

Klunder: None.

Taylor: None.

Leven: None.

Muscott: None.

Straebel: None.

V. Closing Comments from the President

None at this time.

VI. Committee Reports

Committee reports submitted for review.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00a.m.