



**MME Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 24, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.
Bavarian Inn Lodge & Zoom Video Conference
1 Covered Bridge Ln, Frankenmuth, MI 48734**

President Christine Burns called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

I. Convene and Roll Call

Directors present:

Christine Burns, President; Village Manager; Spring Lake
Bridgette Gransden, Vice President; Administrator/Controller; Midland County
Laura Lam, Deputy City Manager; Kalamazoo
Mark Rambo, Deputy County Administrator; Kent County
Deborah Stuart, City Manager; Mason
Julius Suchy, Township Manager; Ada Township
Christian Wuerth, Village Manager; Milford

Directors on Zoom:

Michael Cain, Immediate Past President; City Manager; Boyne City
Mark Heydlauff, City Manager; Charlevoix
Brad Kaye, City Manager; Midland
James Krizan, City Manager; Lincoln Park
Sarah Moyer-Cale, City Manager; Hastings
Devin Olson, City Manager; Munising
Tom Tanghe, City Manager; Auburn Hills

Also present:

Kelly Warren, Secretary/Treasurer; MML
Margaret Mooney, MML
Heather Carmona, Nonprofit Spot
Nicole Klepadlo, Nonprofit Spot (on Zoom)
Matt Fulton, ICMA (on Zoom)
Pat McGinnis, Advocacy Committee Chairperson; City Manager; Portage

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion by: Bridgette Gransden
Seconded by: Julius Suchy
No discussion. Motion carried.

III. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of April 26, 2023 minutes

b. Approval of April and May 2023 Financial Statements

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by: Deborah Stuart

Seconded by: Julius Suchy

No discussion. Motion carried.

IV. Non-member Conference Attendee Category

The Board discussed the addition of a non-member attendee category for MME events and how if this were created it would need to be at a premium cost. Concerns were raised about how this could open the door for elected officials to attend. Additional comments were made about whether an exception for a strong mayor should be allowed.

Motion to maintain the existing policy of not allowing non-member registrations.

Motion by: Christian Wuerth

Seconded by: Bridgette Gransden

Roll call vote:

Burns – Yes

Wuerth – Yes

Gransden – Yes

Cain – Yes

Heydlauff – Yes

Kaye – Yes

Krizan – Yes

Lam – Yes

Moyer-Cale – Yes

Olson – Yes

Stuart – Yes

Suchy – Yes

Tanghe – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Committee Progress Matrix

Heather Carmona reported on the Nonprofit Spot's relationship with MME and shared three key areas where work is concentrated: coordination of long-term strategies, supporting and implementing Board and committee work, and providing funding opportunities. Nicole Klepadlo further explained this work as outlined in the committee progress matrix that was

included in the meeting packet. Nicole also clarified that the Summer Workshop fundraising goal was \$17,783 and sponsorships landed at \$27,250.

VI. PDC 2024 Summer Workshop Recommendation

The Board discussed the Professional Development Committee's recommendation to host the 2024 MME Summer Workshop in Marquette.

Motion to accept the PDC recommendation to go to Marquette for the 2024 MME Summer Workshop.

Motion by: Michael Cain

Seconded by: Devin Olson

Sarah Moyer-Cale expressed concern about the distance to Marquette and whether event attendance would decline because it is too far away. In the past this has not been an issue and based on previous events, the location could even lead to more attendees since members may want to bring their families because of the destination. Motion carried.

VII. Comments from the Board

Cain - Shared that the Board nominations process will begin before too long. September 15 is when the secretary will put out a call for nominations to the membership.

Tanghe - Shared that his son, who is the assistant to the city manager in Dexter, has been added and removed from the MME Listserv several times and is not sure why. Since his role includes research, the Listserv archives would be an asset.

VIII. Comments from the President

President Burns gave an update on Matthew Butts' medical status and asked the Board for their prayers and good wishes.

New ICMA Midwest Regional Director Matt Fulton introduced himself.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Motion by: Julius Suchy

Seconded by: Michael Cain

Motion carried.