



**MME Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 7, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Video Conference**

Acting President Christian Wuerth called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Convene and Roll Call

Directors present:

Christian Wuerth, Acting President; Village Manager; Milford
Bridgette Gransden, Vice President; Administrator/Controller; Midland County
Michael Cain, Immediate Past President; City Manager; Boyne City
Aaron Desentz, City Manager; Mt. Pleasant
Mark Heydlauff, City Manager; Charlevoix
Brad Kaye, City Manager; Midland
Laura Lam, Deputy City Manager; Kalamazoo
Sarah Moyer-Cale, City Manager; Hastings
Devin Olson, City Manager; Munising
Deborah Stuart, City Manager; Mason
Julius Suchy, Township Manager; Ada Township
Tom Tanghe, City Manager; Auburn Hills

Also present:

Kelly Warren, Secretary/Treasurer; MML
Margaret Mooney, MML
Matt Fulton, ICMA (on Zoom)
Daryl Delabbio, Ethics Committee Chairperson; Retired

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion by: Mark Heydlauff
Seconded by: Aaron Desentz
Motion carried.

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of September and October 2023 Financial Statements
- b. Approval of October 27, 2023 minutes
Motion to approve the consent agenda.
Motion by: Aaron Desentz

Seconded by: Tom Tanghe
Motion carried.

IV. Committee Updates

a. Ethics Committee Updates

Daryl Delabbio shared that the Ethics Committee has met three times this year, approved four managers to be included on the MME Interim Manager Listing, and had a thorough discussion on Tenet 11 of the ICMA Code of Ethics based on a question from a member. In addition, Daryl reported that the committee has conducted a couple of investigations into member situations that were brought to their attention this year but did not have to refer anyone to the ICMA committee on professional conduct. Mark Wollenweber and Gregg Guetschow presented on a panel at the 2023 MME Summer Workshop on ethics in the profession and Michael McGee from Miller Canfield will be speaking in an upcoming session at the 2024 MME Winter Institute.

b. Advocacy Committee Request

Christian Wuerth reported on some items that have come up recently for the Advocacy Committee, specifically regarding Lansing's upcoming special election of a Charter Commission that may lead to Lansing implementing the Council/Manager form of government. The Advocacy Committee is requesting feedback from the Board on whether MME will be taking a position on this or if they should develop a plan.

Motion to direct the Advocacy Committee to develop a plan and report back to the Board with recommendations.

Motion by: Michael Cain

Seconded by: Tom Tanghe

Discussion clarified that MME should consider their audience in the development of a plan and position. Motion carried.

c. Nominating Committee Update

Michael Cain shared that this is the second year using the new process for Board nominations and the electronic election. He added that there are still a few things to work on to make the process smoother for next year.

V. 2024 Immediate Past President Role

Christian Wuerth explained that because of Christine Burns' passing, the Board needs to determine whether Michael Cain shall continue in the role of Immediate Past President, and therefore serve as chairperson of the Nominating Committee, in 2024.

Motion to approve Michael Cain to continue in the Immediate Past President role in 2024.

Motion by: Aaron Desentz

Seconded by: Mark Heydlauff

Motion carried.

VI. MME Budget Process

Christian Wuerth proposed an updated timeline for the MME budget adoption process so that moving forward there is a policy to work from rather than operating based on status quo.

Motion to adopt the process as presented.

Motion by: Mark Heydlauff

Seconded by: Brad Kaye

Motion carried.

VII. Comments from the Board

Tanghe - Brought up the topic of Listserv access and the possibility of allowing access to non-Professional Members who could benefit from the Listserv for research purposes.

Desentz - Asked for clarification on the process for solicitation of sponsorships.

Cain - Thank you to Christian and happy holiday season.

Gransden - Ditto to what Michael Cain said.

VIII. Comments from the President

Christian Wuerth shared that Matt Fulton has been convening the Midwest regional state ICMA association presidents for collaboration and it has been really helpful. He also reported that the MME committee appointments are in full swing and should be concluded shortly after the Board election.

Christian also asked for Board feedback on whether to continue receiving services from LifeWorks and it was agreed not to continue. Christian then reminded the Board about submitting nominations for the MME Awards and asked for assistance with personal outreach to MML community managers who are not yet members of MME.

IX. Adjournment

Christian Wuerth adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.