

WCMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 19, 2006
Waupun City Hall

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Attendee

Scott Gosse, President
Mike Davis, Vice President
Mark Rohloff, Board Member

Gary Rogers, Past President
Joe Murray, Board Member
Todd Schmidt, Board Member
Steve Nenonnen

Organization

Village of Pewaukee
City of Middleton
Town of Grand Chute

City of Waupun
Village of Greendale
City of Milton
City of Racine

Ed Henschel

WCMA Executive Director

Call to Order: President Scott Gosse called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by J. Murray and seconded by M. Davis to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

State Constitutional Convention: A meeting sponsored by the Alliance of Cities was held at Marquette University on October 5-6 to discuss the pros and cons of holding a State Constitutional Convention. Steve Nenonnen attended the meeting and reported his disappointment in there being no press coverage on this meeting. The Alliance of Cities and the Marquette Law School will publish a report on the meeting, which should be available by the end of the year. Also Wisconsin Politics Magazine video taped the program.

The premise of the meeting was that the State Constitution is out of date; the constitution has been amended more than 100 times; the Wisconsin tax structure is no longer effective; other states are doing much better than Wisconsin, especially with economic development.

There are two methods available to change the constitution:

- The legislature can submit a change through 2 sessions of the legislature followed by a state-wide vote
- The legislature can create a commission to review the constitution or schedule a constitutional convention.

Joe Murray noted that some states such as Michigan automatically have a question on the ballot every 10 years to determine if there should be a constitutional convention. The Board felt that supporting such a measure might be an effective strategy to create the opportunity to review the constitution.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to have a presentation on this issue at the March or June Conference.

WAMCAM Report: No Report

Intern Grants: Scott Gosse reported that the Intern Grant Committee received applications from Lancaster, Whitewater, Bayside and Whitefish Bay. Grants were funded this year by WCMA (\$2,000), Ehlers and Associates (\$2,000), CVMIC (\$500) and Ed/Sherry Henschel (\$500) for a total of \$5,000.. The Committee reviewed the grant applications and made the following recommendations:

- The Village of Lancaster be awarded the \$2,000.00 grant sponsored by Ehlers and Associates.
- The Village of Whitewater be awarded \$1,500.00.

- The Village of Whitefish Bay be awarded \$1,500.

A motion was made by T. Schmidt, seconded by G. Rogers to approve the committees recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

2008 Summer Conference Site: The Conference Planning Committee had previously recommended that the 2008 Summer Conference be held at the Landmark in Egg Harbor, however, based on the attendance at this year's June Conference, the Board felt the Landmark meeting space was too small to accommodate our growing conference attendance. E. Henschel and M. Davis reported that cost-effective proposals have been received for the Best Western in Waupaca and Holiday Inn in Manatowoc. Both sites have reasonable room prices, nearby golf courses, and adequate meeting space. The Best Western may not have enough rooms and some people would have to stay at other hotels.

After further discussion, a motion was made by G. Rogers and seconded by T. Schmidt to hold the 2008 Summer Conference in Manatowoc. The motion carried with 4 votes in favor and 2 against.

Legislation Impacting Administrator Appointments: Recently an elected board fired its administrator and appointed its chief elected official as the administrator. Section 66.11 (2) prohibits an elected official from being appointed to an administrative position *unless the elected official has resigned from elected office*. In this case the chief elected official participated in the dismissal of the administrator and was appointed the new administrator immediately after his resignation.

J. Murray reported that neither the Alliance nor the League would support changes to the current law. Based on this, a motion was made by J. Murray and seconded by M. Rohloff to table this matter indefinitely.

Strategic Planning: No report. S. Gosse stated that the committee will try to get together before the December meeting.

ICMA Report: No report. (Barb Blumenfield sent out an email on recent ICMA activities to all WCMA members).

Executive Director's Report: The 2007 Executive Director contract with Virchow, Krause was discussed. E. Henschel stated that he had 3 goals for 2007:

- Develop an expanded salary survey to include a broad range of municipal positions in a cost effective manner.
- Categorize the listserv topics for ease of searching archived inquiries
- Develop an "ask the experts" section on the website to connect members with questions with experts in the field that might be able to provide assistance and answers.

After a discussion of the Executive Director contract, a motion was made by G. Rogers and seconded by M. Davis to approve the 2007 contract with a 2% increase to \$25,500. The motion carried unanimously.

The year-to-date financial report through September was presented to the Board. It showed revenues exceeding budget by \$5,754 and expenses under budget by \$1,688. The financial report was accepted as presented.

The 2007 WCMA Budget was presented by E. Henschel which showed total revenues of \$92,800 and total expenditures of \$83,650. In reviewing the budget, the Board recommended increasing revenues for donations by \$2,000; increase the Executive Director contract to \$25,500; increase internship grants to \$5,000; increase ICMA conference planning expense to \$1,000 and add \$1,000 to the budget for next generation development activities.

The Executive Director was asked to make these changes and present the Budget to the Board for final action at the December meeting.

Salary Survey and Web Surveys Proposal: At the August meeting, the Board discussed creating a salary survey of all municipal positions as an added service to WCMA members. The Executive Director obtained a proposal from SVJ Designs to conduct such a survey. Copies of the proposal were distributed to all Board members. There were several questions regarding the proposal. The matter was tabled until the December meeting at which time Mr. Juench will be asked to be present to explain his proposal.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Future Meeting Dates: Future meetings will be held in Waupun (unless otherwise noted) at 11:30 on:

- December 14, 2006
- January 25, 2007
- March 7, 2007 (in LaCrosse at the Winter Conf.)
- April 19, 2007
- June 14, 2007 (in Wisconsin Dells at the Summer Conf.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Henschel
Executive Director.