

WCMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
February 25, 2009
Middleton, Wisconsin
Meeting Minutes

Present:

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Organization</u>
L. Kuss	Clintonville
M. Rohloff	Oshkosh
T. Schmidt	Milton
M. Davis	Middleton
L. Kutchenriter	Omro
P. Cannon	Sun Prairie
A. Pederson	Bayside
C. Whiting	St. Croix Co.
Jesse Thyes	WAMCAM
Ed Henschel	Executive Director

Call to Order: President Lisa Kuss called the meeting to order at 11:30AM

Minutes: A motion was made by T. Schmidt and seconded by P. Cannon to approve the January minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

WAMCAM Report: Jesse Thyes, WAMCAM President reported that their Board met and is planning 2009 seminars in the Milwaukee, Green Bay and Madison areas. The program topics are currently being developed and will be distributed electronically.

Ethics Matter: Ed Henschel reported that an ethics complaint has sent to ICMA. ICMA will be investigating the matter and reporting back to WCMA.

Legislative Initiative: At the January Board meeting, it was noted that in recent years there have been several instances of elected bodies firing their administrator and appointing an elected official in his/her place. This can be interpreted as an abuse of power in some instances. Wisconsin statute 66.0501(2) prohibits this practice unless the elected official first resigns from elected office, which is viewed as a significant loophole.

Pat Cannon presented a draft letter to be sent to the legislature to address this loophole in the law. The Board discussed three options with regard to this matter:

1. Send the letter to the legislature and lobby the legislature for passage.
2. Have members decide if they want to send the letter to the legislature individually.
3. Do nothing.

It was decided to present the matter to the membership at the March business meeting and ask the membership to consider a course of action and take a vote on the procedure to be used at the June Business Meeting.

Administrator Form of Government Presentation: Todd Schmidt contracted the League of Wisconsin Municipalities to determine their interest in having a presentation on the administrator form of government at their annual conference. They indicated that they would be very interested in such a program. Ed Henschel reported that he had discussed the presentation with Sherry Lee at the League. She asked for an outline of the presentation, which Ed will submit in the next few weeks

Membership Dues for Small Businesses: E. Henschel reported that he was contacted by a small business who asked if there was smaller membership fee for small businesses who wanted to join WCMA. He asked the Board if they wanted to make any such accommodation.

The Board discussed the matter and suggested offering a first year introductory membership of \$100 and then the business could pay the regular membership of \$200 after the first year.

Review of Financial Records: E. Henschel reported that it has been his practices for the past 8 years to have Virchow Krause auditors conduct an annual financial review of the WCMA records. Now that he is no longer working for Virchow Krause, he asked how the Board wanted to have this done. The Board authorized the executive director to get an independent accountant to do a review at a cost not to exceed \$800. If it cost more than that, bids will be brought to the Board at its next meeting to review and act.

Local Government Institute: Mike Davies presented a report from Gary Becker, LGI Executive Director on current activities of the organization. The Local Government Institute has developed a new website at www.localgovinstitute.org. Members can post comments on various topics. They are especially interested on best practices in the areas of efficient service delivery, consolidating services, and intergovernmental cooperation. They are also looking for research topics.

LGI is promoting the Renewable Energy Summit to be held March 26th at the Midwest Center in Milwaukee. Details are available at: <http://www.localgovinstitute.org/?q=node/40>.

LGI attended the Summit on Revitalizing Older Industrial Cities in Washington DC. A summary of the event and presentations can be found at: <http://www.localgovinstitute.org/?q=node/44>.

Ranger Rider Activities: No report.

Appointments: Due to recent retirements, WCMA has vacancies on the following committees:

ICMA Best Practices Committee: President Kuss suggested Chris Swartz (Shorewood)

ICMA Credentialing Committee: President Kuss suggested Pat Cannon (Sun Prairie)

WCMA Conference Site Selections: Ed Henschel reported that he is still waiting for a proposal from Stone Harbor Resort in Sturgeon Bay for the 2010 Summer Conference. He will send everyone an email as soon as he receives it.

Other Business: Ed Henschel reported that he was contacted by a company offering training video tapes on driving safety and work place safety. He asked if there was any interest in these videos. The Board was not interested at this time.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Henschel
Executive Director

Future Executive Board meetings:

- April 16 Oshkosh City Hall
- June 11 Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells