

Wisconsin City/County Management Association
Business Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2009
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

President Lisa Kuss called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

Minute Approval: A motion was made by P. Moderacki and seconded by D. Hoffland to approve the February 2009 Business Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

WCMA Internship Grants: P. Cannon, Internship Grants Committee Chair announced that applications are now being accepted for 2009-2010 internship grants. These are 50-50 matching grants of up to \$2,000 to assist municipalities in funding intern positions and to help future administrators to achieve their career goals. The grant application on the WCMA website and is easy to fill out. Applications should be submitted to him for consideration. The Awards Committee is made up of the 8 regional coordinators.

Ed Henschel announced that he and Sherry will again donate \$500 to the grant program. He asked for others to consider donating to the program as well. CVMIC announced that they would also match that donation.

Range Rider Program: Dick Farrenkopf, is in his second year as the WCMA Range Rider. He has been providing support to members in transition. He is also available to provide counsel and assistance on any career questions that members may have. Any one who to contact Dick can do so by calling 262-251-8589 or by email at rfarrenkopf@hotmail.com.

L. Kuss asked everyone to let Dick, Ed and regional coordinators know when changes occur in administrator positions in their area..

ICMA Report: Mike Baker, ICMA-Vice President represents the Midwest on the ICMA Board was present to give a report on ICMA activities. He reported that in response to the current economic crisis, ICMA is providing virtual debit cards that members can use for ICMA services. The debit cards are \$200 for full members and \$100 for associate members.

ICMA continues to develop programs for the retention of ICMA member communities and provides assistance to those communities considering abandoning the position.

ICMA continues to promote the profession as an efficient and democratic form of local government. ICMA believes very strongly in its code of ethics. It defends the code and takes strong action against those members who violate the code. ICMA recently launched a nationwide image campaign to support the profession. This campaign will cost \$130,000 and needs member financial support to develop a marketing campaign and to implement the campaign. Each member is asked to consider donating \$100 to this effort.

Ross Hoff, ICMA Wisconsin Liaison reported that ICMA was developing a formal more formal Affiliation Agreement between itself and state associations. Wisconsin will receive a copy of the agreement shortly and asked that the Association review it and give it serious consideration.

L. Kuss stated that the Executive Board has agreed to match any WCMA member's \$100 donation toward the image campaign with a total donation of up to \$1,000. Simply let Ed know if you are making a donation and he will send in the matching funds.

Legislative Initiative: President Kuss reported that over the past several years there have been a number of situations in which elected officials have removed municipal officials from office and appointed one of themselves in their place. A question has been raised as to whether or not this is an abuse of power by elected officials. If so, should WCMA as an organization pursue legislative changes. Current law reads as follows:

66.0501(2)

(2) Eligibility of other officers. Except as expressly authorized by statute, no member of a town, village or county board, or city council, during the term for which the member is elected, is eligible for any office or position which during that term has been created by, or the selection to which is vested in, the board or council, but the member is eligible for any elective office. The governing body may be represented on city, village or town boards and commissions where no additional compensation, except a per diem, is paid to the representatives of the governing body and may fix the tenure of these representatives notwithstanding any other statutory provision. A representative of a governing body who is a member of a city, village or town board or commission may receive a per diem only if the remaining members of the board or commission may receive a per diem. This subsection does not apply to a member of any board or council described in this subsection who resigns from the board or council before being appointed to an office or position which was not created during the member's term in office.

The law allows an elected official to simply resign from office and then he/she can be appointed to an appointed position.

The Executive Board has asked Ross Hoff to advise it on what other states have done who have experienced this issue. WCMA will also attempt to educate elected officials on the profession and skills needed to administer municipal operations through the League.

No action will be taken on this matter until a response is obtained from ICMA.

Executive Director's Report: The Executive Director reported on the following:

WCMA Website Update

The WCMA website has become a very active website, with numerous hits on a regular basis. The two most popular sections are job postings and PARC inquiries.

A new information line has been added to the member profile section for members to fill in the year they joined WCMA. This will allow us to keep track of years of service in order to give out the annual service awards. Each member was asked to keep their profile up to date. You can check it by going to the member's only section of the website and click on member profile. If you have a new email address, be sure to change it on the website and then send an email to me with your new email address so I can update my email list.

WCMA Financial Report

The Year-To-Date 2009 financial report was presented which showed income of \$86,382.96 and expenses of \$60,208.86. The Year-To-Date 2009 fund balance for the Association was \$26,174.10. A motion was made by P. Ziehler and seconded P. DeGrave to accept the financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

WCMA Address Change

Members were reminded that all mail sent to WCMA should be sent to it new mailing address at:

WCMA
3919 Oakmont Trail
Waukesha, WI 53188

2009 ICMA Conference: Russ Van Gompel and Todd Schmidt reported the 2009 Annual ICMA Conference will be in Montreal, Canada September 13-16. There will be a WCMA social at the Conference. Ehlers and Associates has generously sponsored this event, which will keep costs down for attendees. Their support was very much appreciated.

WAMCAM Report: R. Smith presented the WAMCAM report for Jesse Thyges, WAMCAM President.

She stated that the Board has three openings that they need to fill. They are also working on their 2009 Professional Development Series. Information on the professional development series will be distributed to the membership electronically.

Election of Officers: M. Davis chair of the nominating committee reported that several members expressed interest in serving on the WCMA Board. The nominating committee is recommending the following slate of officers:

President: Mark Rohloff, Oshkosh	Vice President: Todd Schmidt, Milton
Sec/Treas: Andy Pederson, Bayside	Past President: Lisa Kuss
Members-At-Large:	Chuck Whiting
Pat Cannon	Linda Kutchenriter
New Board Member:	Ed Geick

M. Davis moved the election of the slate of officers, seconded by R. Voltner. The motion passed unanimously.

Newly elected President Mark Rohloff presented Lisa Kuss with a plaque commemorating her service to WCMA.

With no other business to come before the membership, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Ed Henschel
Executive Director