



**Minnesota Association of County Administrators
AMC Legislative Conference
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Wednesday March 21, 2012
Business Meeting/Technical Training Agenda
GOVERNORS 3W & 4**

1. Call to Order – President Sharon Hanson 1:29 p.m.
2. Introductions: MACA members, AMC staff, and other attendees introduced themselves
3. Approval of December Minutes – Moved by Duane Hebert, Seconded by Loren Stomberg and unanimously approved
4. Treasurer’s Report – MACA Treasurer Deb Gruber presented the Treasurer’s report. Gruber also urged members to submit their dues. The report was moved by Duane Hebert and seconded by Loren Stomberg and unanimously approved.
5. Plaque Presentation: President Hanson presented a plaque to Molly O’Rourke for her service as Past President of MACA.
6. Introduction of Beau Berentson: President Hanson introduced Beau Berentson, the new General Government Policy Analyst at AMC. Berentson gave a presentation about the 2012 Legislative Session/
7. Updates from committees: Duane Hebert gave an update on MACA’s Professional Development Committee, including updates on possible training events in the future. Sara Folstad gave an update on the IGR Committee, which organized the upcoming affiliate panel presentation. Nate Burkett gave an update on the Membership Committee, informing MACA members about the new membership website.
8. Affiliate Panel Presentation: Mandy Landkamer (Nicollet County) of the Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators; John McDonald (Faribault County) of the Minnesota County Engineers Association; and John Dinsmore (Otter Tail County) of the Minnesota Association of County Social Services Administrators participated in a panel discussion. Each representative went over their legislative platform and answered questions from MACA members. The committee asked several questions of Dinsmore related to changes to the VCAA formula Dinsmore explained MACSSA’s

process for determining the new proposed formula, and apologized for the communication problems between MACSSA and MACA.

9. Property Tax Presentation: Matt Smith, Dakota County Deputy County Administrator/Operations Management and Budget Division Director, gave a presentation titled “The Property Tax: Where’s it been—and where it might be headed next.”
10. MACA Process for Input: President Hanson opened a discussion regarding the level of input MACA should have with the other affiliate organizations. Members said MACA should be viewed as the “go to people” within AMC, though members felt MACA should work to build relationships with other affiliates rather than trying to dictate their platforms or positions. It was agreed to MACA should continue talking to the affiliates about how both sides can improve communication.
11. Adjournment – President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

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